



The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC)

The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) is an international coalition working to protect civilians from the effects of cluster munitions. The CMC has a membership of around 300 civil society organisations from more than 80 countries, and includes organisations working on disarmament, peace and security, human rights, victim/survivor assistance, clearance, women's rights, faith issues and other areas of work. The CMC facilitates the efforts of NGOs worldwide to educate governments, the public and the media about the problems of cluster munitions and the solution.

The CMC supports the initiative known as the 'Oslo Process' to prohibit cluster munitions and assist affected communities. Since the negotiation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions at the Dublin Diplomatic Conference in May 2008, the CMC is calling on governments to sign the Convention in Oslo on 3 December 2008 and to ratify the convention as soon as possible so that it will enter into force quickly.

The CMC has a voluntary Steering Committee composed of thirteen member organisations that provide strategic direction to the coalition:

Austcare (Australia), **DanChurchAid** (Denmark), **Handicap International**, **Human Rights Watch**, **The International Campaign to Ban Landmines**, **International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War** (Russia, Zambia), **Landmine Action** (UK), **Landmines Resource Centre (Lebanon)**, **Mines Action Canada**, **Norwegian People's Aid**, **Protection** (Egypt), **Survivor Corps (formerly Landmine Survivors Network)**, **Pax Christi** (Ireland, Netherlands). The CMC also has three Co-Chairs that provide day-to-day management: Human Rights Watch (Mr. Steve Goose); Landmine Action (Mr. Richard Moyes); and Norwegian People's Aid (Ms. Grethe Østern).

The CMC's **goal** is to protect civilians from the effects of cluster munitions.

The CMC has a number of **strategic objectives** to achieve this goal:

1. To promote universal adherence to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the emerging global norm against the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions
2. To promote the maximum number of signatures to and ratifications of the Convention in the shortest possible time to ensure its rapid entry into force
3. To promote effective implementation of and full compliance with the Convention by States Parties, and compatible steps by non-States Parties, and to ensure effective monitoring of all such efforts by civil society
4. To raise public awareness of the harm to civilians caused by cluster munitions and efforts made by civil society and concerned states to eliminate this harm

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