

**SOFIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER
MUNITIONS: THE WAY FORWARD**

SOFIA, 18-19 SEPTEMBER 2008

RADISSON SAS HOTEL, SOFIA

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

18 September 2008

Arrival of Participants

15.00 -15.30

Opening Remarks

Chair: Petio Petev, Ph.D., Director, Security Policy Directorate,
Bulgarian MFA (TBD)

Speakers: Ambassador Todor Churov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Raymond Johansen, State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway

Mr. Henry Jackelen, Resident Representative, UNDP,
Bulgaria

15.30 -17.00

Session I – The Convention on Cluster Munitions as a New Legal
International Norm

Chair: Petio Petev, Ph.D., Director, Security Policy Directorate,
Bulgarian MFA (TBD)

Speakers: Ambassador Daithi O'Ceallaigh, Chair of the Diplomatic
Conference in Dublin

Dr. Gro Nystuen, Professor of International Humanitarian
Law, University of Oslo

Mr. Thomas Nash, Coordinator, Cluster Munition Coalition

17.00 – 17.45

Screening *“Unacceptable Harm: 40 years of Cluster Munitions”*,
a movie by Chris Anderson

17.45 – 18.45

Free time

18.45

Bus leaving for the reception

19.00 - 21.00

Reception at the Bulgarian MFA

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09.00 – 10.30

Session II – Humanitarian Aspects
Victim Assistance
Risk Education and Clearance Opening Remarks

Chair: Petio Petev, Ph.D., Director, Security Policy Directorate,
Bulgarian MFA (TBD)

Speakers: Dr. Dijana Plestina, Advisor to the Minister of Foreign
Affairs and European Integration on Mine Issues

Mr. Stanislas Brabant, Head, Policy Unit, Handicap
International, Belgium

Mr. Chris Clark, Program Manager, South Lebanon,
UNMAS

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.30

Session III – Preventing Proliferation
Stockpile Destruction and Other Measures

Chair: Petio Petev, Ph.D., Director, Security Policy Directorate,
Bulgarian MFA (TBD)

Speakers: Mr. Simon Conway, Landmine Action

Mr. Colin King, Researcher

Mr. Louis Maresca, ICRC, Mine-Arms Unit, Legal Division

12.30 -13.30

Summary and Closing Remarks

13.30– 15.30

Lunch

15.30

Departure