



## THE PEOPLE'S TREATY

*“Cluster bombs cause predictable and unacceptable harm to civilians, both at the time of use and for many years after. It is my strong belief that these weapons are morally unacceptable.*

*I fully support the new international treaty on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, transfer, and production of cluster bombs.*

*Through **their signature and ratification of this treaty**, governments will legally commit themselves not only to ban cluster bombs, but also to clear contaminated land and provide assistance to victims and affected communities.*

*Through **my signature** on the People's Treaty, I commit to work to ensure that governments live up to their obligations.”*

The People's Treaty is an initiative to engage the public and put pressure on governments to sign the new Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). Similar to a petition, it is a symbolic representation of the strong support of civil society to eliminate this weapon and the suffering it causes.

On the final day of the Dublin Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions, the 107 governments present adopted a newly negotiated treaty banning the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions. While this was happening inside the conference, ordinary citizens were simultaneously demonstrating their personal commitment by launching the People's Treaty.

When you add your signature to the People's Treaty, you join thousands of other people across the globe that are committed to ensuring the success of the CCM. It will be presented in Oslo in December 2008, when governments will reconvene to officially sign the treaty.

There are two ways to sign the treaty! As an individual citizen or as a community leader representing a congregation or organization. You can add your name by going to [http://www.minesactioncanada.org/peoples\\_treaty](http://www.minesactioncanada.org/peoples_treaty). Your contact information will not be used or shared except to confirm your submission and as an endorsement of the People's Treaty.