



## How to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions

The Convention on Cluster Munitions was signed by 94 countries<sup>1</sup> at the Convention on Cluster Munitions Signing Conference in Oslo, Norway on 3 – 4 December 2008.

From 5 December 2008 the Convention on Cluster Munitions can be signed by states at the United Nations in New York. States wishing to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions must notify the UN Treaty Section in New York.

- Only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect.
- Other representatives wishing to sign the Convention must be in possession of appropriate Full Powers, which expressly authorise signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Please note in particular that all Ministers other than Ministers of Foreign Affairs require full powers. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.
- States must fax or email a dated copy of the required Full Powers signed by a Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs to the UN Treaty Section, along with a note verbale requesting an appointment to sign. A model Full Powers document prepared by the UN treaty Section is below.

### UN Treaty Office contact:

Sagine Damas is the contact point for scheduling an appointment.

UN Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York:

Telephone: +1 212 963-5047

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E-mail: [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@un.org)

- Once the appointment has been made and the full powers document has been approved by the UN Treaty Section, the signing of the Convention will take place in the UN Treaty Section's Signature Room S-3205, on the 32nd Floor of the UN Secretariat Building in New York.

For more information go to: <http://treaties.un.org>.

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<sup>1</sup> Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte D'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, The Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Zambia.

**Model of Full Powers**  
**(to be signed by the Head of State or Government,**  
**or Minister for Foreign Affairs)**

**FULL POWERS**

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I, [name and title of Minister for Foreign Affairs, Head of Government or Head of State ],

**HEREBY AUTHORIZE**, [name and title], to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions, done at Dublin on 30 May 2008, on behalf of the Government of [name of State].

Done at [place] on [date]

[Signature]