



The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC)

The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) is an international non-governmental 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 "Oslo Process", an initiative led by the Norway and other supportive governments to achieve an international treaty to prohibit cluster munitions and assist affected communities. The Convention on Cluster Munitions was negotiated and adopted in Dublin, Ireland on 30 May 2008. The Convention was signed by 94 states at a conference in Oslo, Norway on 3 – 4 December 2008. The adoption and signature of the Convention are the first steps in a longer process of ensuring the swift ratification and entry into force (EIF) of the Convention and promoting its universalisation and effective implementation. The Convention is now open for signature and ratification at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

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

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

For more information or to become a member of the CMC, please visit the Cluster Munition Coalition website: www.stopclustermunitions.org