



Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

5 – 7 September 2016, Geneva

What is the 6MSP about?

The 6th Meeting of States Parties (6MSP) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) will take place from 5 to 7 September 2016 in room XIX at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

The 6MSP will be the first formal meeting of States Parties since the First Review Conference which was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The 6MSP will provide an opportunity for States Parties to present progresses, challenges, plans and needs for assistance and cooperation to achieve their convention obligations and the commitments they made under the 2015 [Dubrovnik Action Plan](#) (DAP) and the Dubrovnik declaration.

The 6MSP will be presided over by Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast of the Netherlands. The meeting is open to States Parties, States not party, relevant international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

The Convention on Cluster Munitions opened for signature in 2008 and entered into force in 2010. To date 119 states have joined the Convention, of which 100 are States Parties and the remaining 19 are signatories that have yet to ratify.

What are states expected to do at this meeting?

At the 6MSP:

- States Parties are expected to **report on the progress they have made and their plans** on all relevant convention obligations and commitments (cluster munition clearance, victim assistance, stockpile destruction, risk reduction education, transparency measures, international cooperation and assistance, etc.)
- States not party to the CCM are expected to **report on the steps they have taken to join the convention.**
- States are expected to **actively participate in discussions** throughout the 6MSP, in particular on the following **key issue**:
 - Use of cluster munition

In the past year, cluster munitions have been used by Syrian government and by Russia in Syria and by Saudi –led coalition in Yemen. All States Parties should condemn the use and urge the users to ensure no new cluster munition use in the future.

How can governments register, prepare and participate?

➤ Invitation

A [note verbale](#) by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon convening the 6MSP was circulated on 26 February 2016. An [invitation letter](#) was also addressed to International Organizations by Mr. KIM Won-soo, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

➤ Registration

To participate in the meeting, all governments should submit a **note verbale** by **19 August 2016**, at the following address:

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➤ Background Information

All background documents for the meetings, including the draft Geneva progress report, agenda and administrative information will be available on the ISU website at:

<http://www.clusterconvention.org/meetings/msp/6msp/>

For any questions related to the meetings contact the Implementation Support Unit of the CCM at info@clusterconvention.org