

United Nations Nations Unies

HEADQUARTERS • SIEGE NEW YORK, NY 10017

TEL.: 1 (212) 963.1234 • FAX: 1 (212) 963.4879

REFERENCE: ODA/25-2011/CCM

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) which entered into force on 1 August 2010.

Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides for regular meetings of the States Parties in order to consider and, where necessary, take decisions in respect of any matter with regard to the application or implementation of the Convention. Pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 2, the First Meeting of States Parties was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, from 9 to 12 November 2010.

In accordance with the decision taken by the First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic), the Second Meeting of States Parties will be held in Beirut, Lebanon, from 12 to 16 September 2011.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind His/Her Excellency that the General Assembly of the United Nations, through its resolution 63/71, dated 2 December 2008, requested the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Against this background and pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Convention and the established practice, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions from 12 to 16 September 2011 in Beirut, Lebanon, and to invite all States Parties to the Convention to participate in it. The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Second Meeting as Observers.

The Secretary-General also wishes to remind that, in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention, "the costs of the Meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States parties and States not party to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately".

For any further information with regard to the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the States are kindly requested to contact:

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)
United Nations Office at Geneva
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
Fax: (+41) 22 917 0054
E-mail: ccm@unog.ch
Website: www.unog.ch/ccm

30 March 2011

T. C. H.