Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions
Soria Moria 22 – 23 February 2007

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 February

Arrival of participants

19:30 Informal buffet dinner

Thursday, 22 February

08:00 Coffee and registration

09:30 Opening Statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Jonas Gahr Støre

09:40 Session 1
Addressing the challenges posed by cluster munitions
Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Objective: To provide Conference participants with a brief overview of the nature and magnitude of the challenges posed by cluster munitions. The emphasis of the introductions will be on effective and realistic actions states concerned with these challenges can take to address them.

Introductions by:
- Peter Batchelor, United Nations Development Program
- Peter Herby, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch/Cluster Munition Coalition

General Discussion

(The meeting will be open to media during the opening statement and the introductions)

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Session 2
Realities from different field contexts and adequate responses
Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Objective: To discuss what complexities addressing cluster munitions entail and the implications for designing appropriate policy responses. The introductions will focus on separate but related issues:

- The technical characteristics of cluster munitions
- How use in different contexts impacts differently in strike areas
- Preventing future crisis by addressing the challenge of proliferation
Short introductions by:
  Manuel Bessler, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
  Dr Colin King, King Associates/Jane’s Defence
  Grethe Østern, Norwegian People’s Aid/Cluster Munition Coalition
  Germany

General discussion

**13:00 Luncheon**

**15:00 Session 3**

*Towards a framework for cooperation and assistance*

Co-Chairs: Norway and Ireland

**Objective:** To discuss how to initiate and facilitate efficient and relevant actions to address problems caused by cluster munitions. Further how measures for cooperation and assistance can be integrated into an overall instrument on cluster munitions. Introductions will focus on three issues:

- Implementation of assistance programs for victims
- Possible models for establishing a framework for cooperation and assistance
- How international assistance can strengthen national capacity in affected countries

Short introductions by:
  Stan Brabant, Handicap International/Cluster Munition Coalition
  Canada
  Serbia

General discussion

**16:00 Coffee break**

**16:30 Session 4**

*Translating present challenges into political action*

Co-Chairs: Norway and Ireland

**Objective:** To discuss opportunities and obstacles for effective multilateral action in humanitarian disarmament processes. The introductions will present different perspectives on how to facilitate, encourage and implement efficient multilateral processes aimed at improving human security.

Short introductions by:
  Dr Patricia Lewis, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
  Professor Jody Williams, Houston University/Nobel Peace Laureate
  Austria

General discussion

**18:00 End of Session 4**

19:00 Sleigh ride

19:45 Musical entertainment and cocktails followed by

**20:15 Dinner hosted by Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Espen Barth-Eide**
Friday, 23 February

09:00 Session 5
A Future Instrument – outlining scope and approaches
Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico

**Objective:** To identify the elements required to address the humanitarian concerns, initiate discussions on scope and design of a future new instrument on cluster munitions. The aim of the session is not to discuss specific definitions, but to outline productive *approaches* to future negotiations.

Short introductions by:
- Dr Gro Nystuen, University of Oslo
- Belgium
- Sweden

General discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Session 6
The way forward
Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico
Introduction by Peru

General discussion

12:30 Chair’s summary
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Raymond Johansen

13:00 Luncheon

13:30/14:30 Departures (transport to Oslo Airport Gardemoen)