Universalisation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Africa

"IT IS AFRICA’S TIME!"
A PRESENTATION AT THE TOGO REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNIVERSALISATION OF THE CCM

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CLUSTER MUNITIONS COALITION
Current status of the CCM

112 countries have joined | 83 are States Parties | 29 are signatories that need to ratify
GLOBAL HEAD COUNT

- **112 Signatures**
- **83 Rats**
- **83 outside the CCM**
- **No production, Use Stockpiling by SP**
- **Iraq latest rat. (May 14)**
AFRICA HEAD COUNT

- 54 states in Africa: (42/54 sigs)
- 14 still at large
  - 19 stockpiles, 16 still do
  - 2 have produced CM
  - 7 have used cluster munitions
States Parties

- Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi
- Cameroun, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, CIV
- Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi.
- Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal
- Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Swaziland
- Togo, Tunisia, Zambia
SIGNATURES

- Angola, Benin, CAR
- DRC, RPC, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea
- Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar,
- Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda
- STP, South Africa, Somalia,
NON-SIGNATORIES

- Algeria, Egypt, Guinea
- Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon
- Libya, Mauritius, Morocco
- South Sudan, Sudan, Zimbabwe
CM USE IN AFRICA

- Angola, Chad, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia
- Libya, Mauritania, Mozambique,
- Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan,
- Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.
- In 2012 (allegation of use) Sudan
SYRIA, A STAIN

- More than 150 attacks and counting, 119 locations (August 2012-Feb 2013, HRW)
- Casualties women and children
- Growing concern post-conflict
- Deafening silence from African SP, a terrible shame, double standards and naked hypocrisy
- Africa TODAY must condemn Use in Syria
NEED FOR SPEED!

- 19/29 REMAINING STATES IN AFRICA

- ZAMBIA 4MSP ON THE HORIZON

- CMC CALLS FOR URGENT NEED FOR RATS/ACCESSIONS TODAY

- WILL YOU HEED THE CALL, WHY NOT?
WHO IS NEXT IN LINE?

- Algeria, Egypt, Eq. Guinea
- Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon
- Libya, Mauritius, Morocco
- South Sudan, Sudan, Zimbabwe
- Angola, Benin, CAR
- DRC, RPC, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea(C)
- Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar,
- Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda
- STP, South Africa, Somalia,
Why Universalise?

- Preventive
- Make your Children proud!
- Strengthens stigma
- Leadership
- Solidarity affected countries

CCM best framework to get assistance to deal with the problem.

Humanitarian impact outweighs military utility.

All countries should join the ban, there is strength in numbers.
Why Universalize TODAY?

- 19/29 Ratifications to Accessions
- It's easy!
- (For most) It Costs nothing
- BECAUSE AFRICA CARES!

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Approaches

- Adoption (a country, Regional, sub-regional, bilateral)
- Make it your cause
- Speak out as a nation!
- Attend International for a
- Go it long nationally!
- COME TO ZAMBIA 4MSP
THE CMC’S CLARION CALL

- **IT IS AFRICA’S TURN!**
- **DO IT NOW, DO IT TODAY!**
- **ZAMBIA IS CALLING!**
- **COME ONE, COME ALL!**
- **THE HOUR HAS COME!**