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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of the GRULAC member countries, informing them that the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the pleasure to invite the governments of the GRULAC member countries to participate in the upcoming Santiago Regional Conference on the promotion of the universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). The event, organized in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and with the financial support of Norway, will be held on 12 and 13 December 2013, in Santiago.

This meeting, in addition to furthering wider adherence to the Convention in the region and fostering national implementation efforts, is also aimed at setting criteria for the early establishment of a cluster munitions-free zone in Latin-America and the Caribbean.

In order to ensure the most fruitful exchanges possible, participation is encouraged from senior officers in charge of global issues (Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense and others). The Government of Chile, consistent with its policy of including civil society in decision-making, encourages the widest possible participation of regional organizations and NGOs dealing with issues related to cluster munitions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In order to facilitate the participation in the meeting, a sponsorship programme is available covering one (01) representative from each eligible state. UNDP will administer the sponsorship programme, which will include a roundtrip economy class airfare, DSA in Santiago, Terminal Expenses and the costs of incidental travel expenses.

The registration will be taken into account upon receipt by UNDP of the Verbal Note designating the nominated delegate (including name, title and contact details) and the registration form (attached to this email) duly filled out. These documents should be sent to the following address: ~~ccm.contact@undp.org~~ ^{ccm.contact@undp.org} with copy to fguzman@minrel.gov.cl. Please note that the deadline for registration is of **06 December 2013**.



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A draft programme and all the relevant documents will be available shortly on the website <http://www.clusterconvention.org/meetings/regional-meetings/santiago-conference-dec2013/>. The working language will be English and Spanish.

The Permanent Mission of Chile avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of the GRULAC member countries the assurances of its highest consideration.



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