Overview of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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International concern about the humanitarian effects of cluster munitions, particularly following their use in Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya and most recently in Syria and Yemen.

- Angola, Chad, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia

Why do cluster munitions cause ‘unacceptable harm’ to civilians:

- Their wide-area effect means an increased likelihood of civilian victims
- Their high failure rate means that hundreds of bomblets become lethal devices
- Significant adverse socio-economic consequences
The CCM in brief

✓ **The Oslo Process**: Norwegian Initiative of Feb. 2007

✓ **ADOPTED** in May 2008 and opened for signature in December 2008

✓ Entered into force on **1 AUGUST 2010** when the Convention became binding international law

✓ The Convention prohibits all use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions

✓ Total of **119** States have committed to the Convention, **101** as States Parties and **18** as signatories – **13 in Africa**

✓ **8 key operative Articles**
KEY OPERATIVE OBLIGATIONS

- Never use, produce, stockpile or transfer cluster munitions
- Destroy existing stockpiles
- Clear contaminated land
KEY OPERATIVE OBLIGATIONS

✓ Assist victims

✓ Provide technical, material and financial assistance to other States Parties

✓ Undertake transparency measures

✓ Adopt national implementation measures (imposition of penal sanctions)

✓ Promote universal adherence to the Convention/Compliance
DUBROVNIK ACTION PLAN:

• **Action 1** - Universalization

• **Action 2** - Stockpile Destruction

• **Action 3** - Clearance and Risk Reduction Education

• **Action 4** - Victim Assistance

• **Action 5** - International Cooperation and Assistance

• **Action 6** – Transparency Reporting

• **Action 7** – National Implementation Measures
CCM IMPLEMENTATION ACHIEVEMENTS

✓ Total of 101 States parties and 18 Signatories
  o 34 Europe; 30 Africa; 24 Americas; 7 Pacific; 3 Middle East; 3 Asia

✓ Central America is the first cluster munitions-free sub-region

✓ 29 States Parties have reported the completion of stockpile destruction (Art. 3)

✓ 6 States Parties have completed their obligations on clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants (Art. 4)

✓ 9 of 11 States Parties reported to have obligations on victim assistance (Art. 5) are taking the prescribed steps

✓ 48 States have implemented requisite measures under National Implementation measures (Art.9)
## CONVENTION STATUS BY OBLIGATION

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11. Sierra Leone
IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

1. Inadequate resources — financial, technical, legal, material

2. Low Reporting — qualitative, quantitative

3. Need for enhanced cooperation — bilateral, multilateral, regional and global levels

4. Limited Access — local terrain

5. Operational — appropriate methodologies
Implement all by 2030?

✓ Achievable – with current SPs
   ? Many contaminated States still not party

✓ Enabling environment
  ✓ Enhanced partnerships
  ✓ Political Will
  ✓ Use of appropriate methodologies; NTS, TS, LR
  ✓ Resource Prioritization

✓ Preventive mode
CONVENTION ARCHITECTURE

- Thematic Working Groups
  - MONTHLY
- Meeting of States Parties
  - ANNUAL
- Review Conference
  - QUINQUENNIAL
Role of the ISU

Provide support to States Parties on the implementation of the CCM

✓ **Support to** States Parties through the Convention’s machinery;

✓ **Providing advice and technical support**

✓ **Record Keeping**

✓ **Facilitating communication** amongst States Parties and other relevant actors, cooperate and coordinate amongst these;

✓ **Maintaining public relations** - to promote universalization;

✓ **Interface** between the States Parties and the international community on issues related to the implementation of the CCM
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