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Highlights

(1st July – 30th September)



The Eighth Meeting of States Parties (8MSP)

Presided over by Mr. Carlos Morales Dávila of the Republic of Nicaragua, the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (8MSP) took place from 3–5 September 2018 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. On the final day of the meeting, H.E. Mr. Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, was elected President of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP). The 8MSP also decided to designate Switzerland as President of the Second Review Conference to be held in 2020.

Available are [Statements](#) and [Photos](#) from the three day meeting.

Universalization

The government of Namibia deposited its instrument of Ratification to the CCM on Friday 31 August 2018 making it the 104th State Party. The Convention will enter into force for the new State Party on 1st February 2019 in accordance with Article 17.2. Eight years after entry into force of the CCM, there still remain 16 Signatory States that are yet to ratify it.



2018 – 2019 Coordination Committee Membership

General Status and Operation of the Convention	Germany & Zambia	Victim Assistance (Art. 5)	Ireland & Spain
Universalization (Art. 1)	Chile & Panama	International Cooperation and Assistance (Art. 6)	Netherlands & Peru
Stockpile Destruction and Retention (Art. 3)	Austria & Mozambique	Transparency Measures (Art. 7)	Iraq
Clearance and Risk Reduction Education (Art. 4)	Lao PDR & Sweden	National Implementation Measures (Art. 9)	New Zealand

Stockpile destruction

On 27 July 2018, the Republic of Croatia declared fulfillment of its obligation under Article 3 pertaining to storage and stockpile destruction, demonstrating its commitment to the CCM by destroying all its stockpiles within the stipulated deadline.

The Republic of Spain also completed the destruction of its stockpile of cluster munitions months ahead of its stipulated deadline. The announcement was officially made through Note Verbale on 25 July 2018.

In a letter addressed to the 2017 – 2018 Coordinators on Stockpile Destruction and Retention (Croatia and Mozambique) dated May 17 2018, the Republic of Italy confirmed destruction of all its retained submunitions.

Clearance

Lao PDR informed States Parties at the 8MSP that it would not be able to comply with its obligation to clear all cluster munition remnants in contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control by 2020 and announced its intention to submit an extension request under Article 4 of the Convention.

Guide to Cluster Munitions translated to Arabic

The Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) released the [Arabic version](#) of *the Guide to Cluster Munitions 3rd Edition*. The publication is now available on the CCM website in English, French and Arabic.



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