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10th Anniversary of the Signature of the Convention on Cluster Munitions



10 years ago at the Oslo City Hall, the Convention on Cluster Munitions was opened for signature on 3 December 2008. Over the course of 2 days, 94 States signed the treaty; 4 of which, the Holy See, Ireland, Norway and Sierra Leone, also submitted their instruments of ratification immediately.



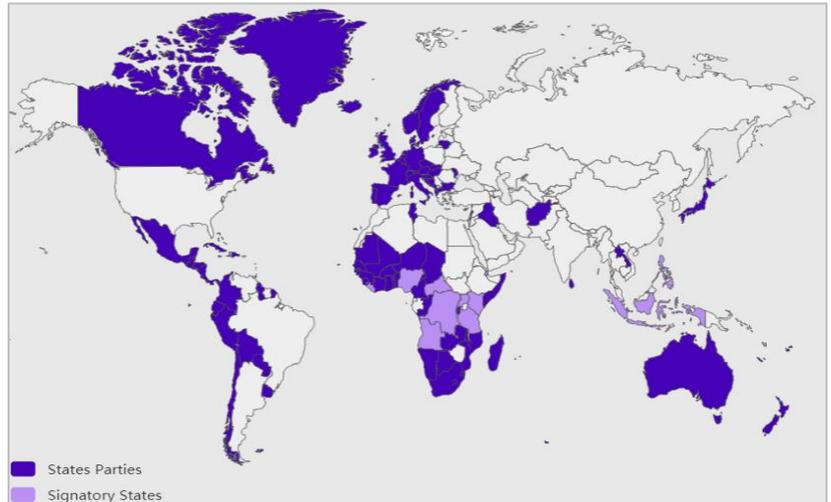
United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in his speech delivered at the Signing Conference on 3 December said:

“The conclusion [of this convention] indicates a significant and fundamental change in the position of many governments that, until recently, regarded cluster munitions as essential to their security policies and military doctrines. The importance of this shift cannot be over emphasised.”

Click [here](#) to watch a video on the signing ceremony of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Notable achievements 2008-2018

- ✓ Total of **104** States Parties and **16** Signatories, with Central America being the first cluster munition free sub-region



- ✓ **34** of 40 States Parties have reported completion of cluster munition stockpile destruction, destroying over 98% of stockpiles

- ✓ **6** of 16 States Parties have completed clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants, facilitating the release of vast areas of once cluster munition contaminated land for productive use



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