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Highlights

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Register for the 9MSP

The Ninth Meeting of States Parties (9MSP) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be taking place from 2nd to 4th September 2019 in Room XVIII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The details of delegations to the 9MSP should be submitted via Note Verbale by **Friday, 16 August 2019**, to the address below:

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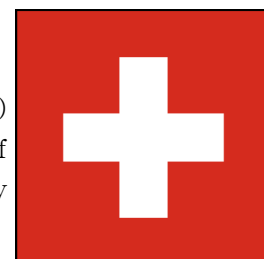
9MSP web pages

The [UNOG](#) and [CCM](#) 9MSP web pages are ready and the Meeting's Provisional Agenda (CCM/MSP/2019/1) is now available online on both pages. Both websites will be regularly updated with additional information and documents as the Meeting approaches.

Noteworthy items in 9MSP Provisional Agenda

Election of the President of the 2RC

The 8MSP designated Switzerland to preside over the Second Review Conference (2RC) of the Convention scheduled for 2020. To that effect, Switzerland has been a member of the CCM Coordination Committee for the period of 2018–2019. The 9MSP will be formally electing Switzerland as President of the 2RC.



Article 3 and Article 4 extension requests

Three extensions requests will be presented and considered at the 9MSP. Bulgaria has submitted a request to extend its Article 3 (stockpiled destruction) deadline, while Germany and Lao PDR have done so for their Article 4 (clearance) deadlines. Documents related to these requests can be viewed on the [CCM website](#).

Financial status of the Convention

Article 14 of the CCM stipulates that the costs of the Meetings of States Parties (MSPs) and the Review Conferences (RCs) would be borne by participating States Parties and States not Party. The 8MSP noted with concern arrears in payment that impeded full compliance with Article 14 and mandated the 9MSP President to prepare a paper and report back to the 9MSP possible measures to address financial predictability and stability taking into account discussions held in other disarmament conventions. Unfortunately as at 28 June 2019 there was still an outstanding balance of USD 59'473 putting in jeopardy the hosting of the 9MSP unless extensive cost-cutting measures were undertaken. In a [letter to CCM States Parties](#), Amb. Abdul Azeez outlines some emergency measures to ensure the meeting goes ahead.

Asia-Pacific workshop on CCM universalization



CCM's newest State Party, the Philippines, co-hosted with New Zealand a workshop in Manila on 18-19 June 2019 to promote the universalization and implementation of the Convention. The event gathered 13 countries—8 States not Party (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Vietnam) and 5 States Parties (Lao PDR, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Switzerland). Presentations given and exchanges held to inform States not Party on the key articles of the Convention, the accession process, the available resources and the experience of States Parties in joining and implementing the CCM. The ISU, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) were also in attendance as expert resources. The workshop was made possible through the generous contribution of New Zealand and Switzerland and the in-kind support provided by the Philippines.

The ISU participates in ICRC South East Asia regional seminar

On 29-30 April 2019, a regional seminar organized by Lao PDR and the ICRC, with the support of Norway, took place in Vientiane. The event attracted over 90 participants, including delegates from 7 South-East Asian States—Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam—2 of which are States Parties to the CCM and 1 a signatory State. The ISU Director presented on the key provisions of the Convention and also discussed how to enhance international cooperation and assistance within the framework of the CCM. The seminar provided a platform to



discuss the humanitarian impact of weapons such as cluster munitions, foster partnerships between donor and affected States and promote adherence to disarmament treaties such as the CCM.

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