

Cooperation and Assistance, 3 MSP

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate Norway's commitment to article 6 of the Convention. We will continue to support states affected by cluster munitions on the same broad scale as we have been doing so far.

Please, let me outline some important principles in our support:

- 1. National ownership:** National authorities must be given the tools to follow up their own problem, - and find long-term solutions.
- 2. Effective use of resources:** We have already got a lot of experience and lessons learned, that must be used in the affected countries to ensure the most effective use of resources. But , it is also important to tailor solution to concrete obstacles in the individual country.
- 3. Victim Rights: Assistance:** Norway will provide assistance also for States Parties to fulfill their obligations in article 5 of the Convention. This assistance must be tailored to meet the victim's needs – in an age- and gender sensitive way. Victim's rights must be reflected in the national health strategies and social policies.
- 4.** Let me end by underlining the principle of **gender sensitivity**. This must be included in all our work, including Victim Assistance. For example work opportunities should be available for both men and women.