



Invitation to the Intersessional Meeting 2012 Convention on Cluster Munitions

Geneva, 9 March, 2012

Excellency,

On behalf of the President of the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM 2MSP) H.E. Dr. Adnan MANSOUR, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon, allow me extend to you our sincere appreciation for contributing to the successful conclusion of the 2MSP held in Beirut, from 12 to 16 September 2011. The Convention continues to grow and with recent ratifications and accessions, 68 States are now Parties to the Convention.

You will recall that States Parties to the Convention decided to meet again informally in advance of the Third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP) scheduled for September 2012 in Oslo, Norway to further discuss matters pertaining to the progress in implementing the Convention as a means to prepare for the 3MSP. **To that end, I have the pleasure to extend to you an invitation to the Intersessional meeting of the CCM, as decided in Beirut to be held from 16-19 April 2012 in Geneva.**

The meeting, which is being organized with support from UNDP and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, will take place in the World Meteorological Organization building. Registration will open on 9 March and can be done on the following website: www.ccm-registration.org. A limited sponsorship programme is available for low income and affected states. Further information will also be available at the CCM website: <http://www.clusterconvention.org/work-programme/intersessional-meeting-2012>.



Further to this, we welcome your substantive contributions to the development of the Oslo Progress Report and encourage active collaboration with the States who have volunteered to participate in the Coordination Committee, and which I have entrusted with the coordination of work under the various thematic areas of this report.

Your participation will greatly contribute to the overall success of this meeting and reflect the continued support of your country to the global effort in putting an end to the unacceptable harm caused by cluster munitions.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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to the United Nations in Geneva

To:

States Parties to CCM,
States Signatories and observer States,
and other interested Organizations