



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Highlights

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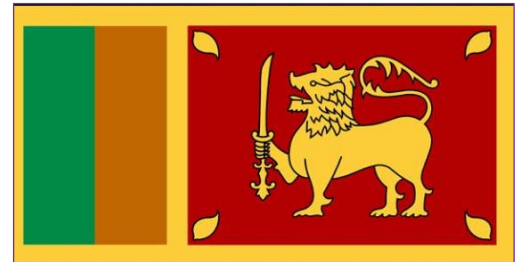
### SAVE THE DATE

The Eighth Meeting of States Parties (8MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions will take place from **3-5 September 2018** in Room XVIII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

More information on the Meeting will be available in due time on the UNOG and the Convention's websites. <https://www.unog.ch/> – [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org)

### Sri Lanka is State Party No.103!

On 1 March 2018, Sri Lanka deposited its instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York, making it the 103rd State Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. In accordance with its article 17 (2), the Convention will enter into force for Sri Lanka on 1 September 2018. The Presidency of the 8MSP wholeheartedly welcomes Sri Lanka to the CCM family and calls on all States that have not yet joined the treaty to do so as soon as possible.



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2018 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption and signature of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. On 30 May 2008, the final draft of the Convention was adopted in Dublin, Ireland; and the Convention was opened for signature in Oslo, Norway, on 3 December 2008. Since the entry into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, States Parties have been implementing the Convention according to the guidance and goals of the CCM Action Plans, namely, the Vientiane Action Plan (2010–2015) and the Dubrovnik Action Plan (2015–2020). For more information on the history of the CCM and its achievements thus far, go to the website [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org) and scroll the pages under the new tab “10<sup>th</sup> anniversary”. A calendar of events related to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will also be posted soon, so do check in from time to time to find out what is taking place.

### REMINDER: 2017 annual reports are due before 30 April 2018

States Parties are kindly reminded that, as stipulated in Article 7 of the Convention, the **deadline for the submission of the 2017 Annual Transparency Report is 30 April 2018**.



This annual transparency report should cover the period 1 January to 31 December 2017 and be sent to the UN Secretary-General, via the Office for Disarmament Affairs at [ccm@unog.ch](mailto:ccm@unog.ch). The ISU would also appreciate a copy of the submitted report at [info@cmconvention.org](mailto:info@cmconvention.org).

Also at 29 March 2017, 13 of States Parties were late in submitting their **initial transparency reports**. The Presidency of the 8MSP strongly encourages these States Parties to submit their initial report as soon as possible.

### Pacific Conference on Conventional Weapons Treaties



Pacific countries met in Auckland on 12–14 February 2018 in order to take stock and advance implementation of three treaties dealing with conventional weapons: the Arms Trade Treaty (2013), the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2008) and the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling and transfer of antipersonnel mines (1997). The meeting was sponsored by New Zealand and Australia and supported by the three Geneva-based Implementation Support Units (ATT, APMBC and CCM). The meeting was also attended by the International Committee of the Red Cross and civil society representatives. Please click on the links below to access conference documents: [Auckland Declaration on Conventional Weapons Treaties & Conference programme](#). More also on the [Convention's website](#).