Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions
Soria Moria 22 – 23 February 2007

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 February

Arrival of participants

19:30 Informal buffet dinner

Thursday, 22 February

08:00 Coffee and registration

09:30 Opening Statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Jonas Gahr Støre

09:40 Session 1
Addressing the challenges posed by cluster munitions
Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Objective: To provide Conference participants with a brief overview of the nature and magnitude of the challenges posed by cluster munitions. The emphasis of the introductions will be on effective and realistic actions states concerned with these challenges can take to address them.

Introductions by:
> Peter Batchelor, United Nations Development Program
> Peter Herby, International Committee of the Red Cross
> Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch/Cluster Munition Coalition
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> General Discussion

(The meeting will be open to media during the opening statement and the introductions)

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Session 2
Realities from different field contexts and adequate responses
Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Objective: To discuss what complexities addressing cluster munitions entail and the implications for designing appropriate policy responses. The introductions will focus on separate but related issues:
- The technical characteristics of cluster munitions
- How use in different contexts impacts differently in strike areas
- Preventing future crisis by addressing the challenge of proliferation

Short introductions by:
    Manuel Bessler, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
    Dr Colin King, King Associates/Jane's Defence
    Grethe Østern, Norwegian People´s Aid/Cluster Muniton Coalition
    Germany

    General discussion

13:00 Luncheon

15:00 Session 3
Towards a framework for cooperation and assistance
Co-Chairs: Norway and Ireland

Objective: To discuss how to initiate and facilitate efficient and relevant actions to address problems caused by cluster munitions. Further how measures for cooperation and assistance can be integrated into an overall instrument on cluster munitions. Introductions will focus on three issues:

- Implementation of assistance programs for victims
- Possible models for establishing a framework for cooperation and assistance
- How international assistance can strengthen national capacity in affected countries

Short introductions by:
    Stan Brabant, Handicap International/Cluster Muniton Coalition
    Canada
    Serbia

    General discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Session 4
Translating present challenges into political action
Co-chairs: Norway and Ireland

Objective: To discuss opportunities and obstacles for effective multilateral action in humanitarian disarmament processes. The introductions will present different perspectives on how to facilitate, encourage and implement efficient multilateral processes aimed at improving human security.

Short introductions by:
    Dr Patricia Lewis, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
    Professor Jody Williams, Houston University/Nobel Peace Laureate
    Austria

    General discussion

18:00 End of Session 4

19:00 Sleigh ride

19:45 Musical entertainment and cocktails followed by

20:15 Dinner hosted by Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Espen Barth-Eide

Friday, 23 February

09:00 Session 5
A Future Instrument – outlining scope and approaches
Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico

Objective: To identify the elements required to address the humanitarian concerns, initiate discussions on scope and design of a future new instrument on cluster munitions. The aim of the session is not to discuss specific definitions, but to outline productive *approaches* to future negotiations.

Short introductions by:
> Dr Gro Nystuen, University of Oslo
> Belgium
> Sweden

> General discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Session 6
The way forward
Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico
Introduction by Peru

> General discussion

12:30 Chair's summary
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Raymond Johansen

13:00 Luncheon

13:30/14:30 Departures (transport to Oslo Airport Gardemoen)