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Highlights

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CCM op-ed by President of Switzerland and head of ICRC



In honour of the 10th anniversary of the CCM's entry into force, President Simonetta Sommaruga of the Swiss Confederation and ICRC President Peter Maurer wrote a joint op-ed titled "Treacherous weapons that still kill 10 years after a convention to ban them". The objectives of this article was to raise public awareness of the unacceptable human costs of cluster munitions, highlight achievements of and challenges faced by the CCM, as well as advance universal adherence to the Convention. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

The 2nd Review Conference (2RC) will be held on **23-27 November 2020** at the SwissTech Convention Center in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Conference will be a hybrid event to enable virtual participation of delegates unable to attend the Conference in person. Documents and information on the 2RC will be made available on the [UNODA](#) and [CCM](#) websites, which are regularly updated.

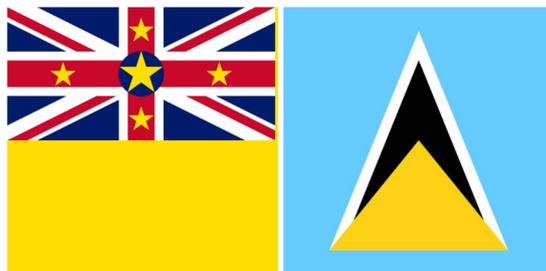
Second 2RC Preparatory Meeting



The 2nd Preparatory Meeting for the 2RC took place on 4 September 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Just as with the 1st Preparatory Meeting on 29 June 2020, it was held under federal precautionary measures which limited the number of participants per delegation and required the wearing of face masks in the conference room. Chaired by 2RC President, Amb. Félix Baumann of Switzerland, the Meeting was webcast live in all six UN official languages for the benefit of those unable to be present in the room. The draft Lausanne Action Plan was discussed in depth and many States Parties provided their views on elements to be included in the Lausanne Political Declaration. Updates on the Convention's financial situation and logistical arrangements of the 2RC were also given.

Niue and St. Lucia join the CCM

The governments of Niue and St. Lucia deposited their instruments of accession on 6 August 2020 and 15 September 2020, respectively, making them CCM States Parties no. 109 and 110. The Convention will enter into force for Niue on 1 February 2021 and for St. Lucia on 1 March 2021. The accession of the two countries brings the Convention closer to its universalization goals.



CCM universalization activities

Co-Coordinator on Universalization, the Philippines, organized a webinar that gathered 50 defence and military officials from 10 ASEAN countries to discuss CCM universalization on 29 July 2020. 2RC President, Amb. Félix Baumann, delivered the welcoming remarks and Lao PDR gave a presentation on its Article 4 implementation. An interactive session followed with members of the ISU, CMC and ICRC participating as main discussants.

On 25 August 2020, CCM Universalization Coordinators, Chile and the Philippines held a meeting with Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) to discuss mobilizing parliamentarians worldwide to promote adherence to the CCM.

Ahead of the 2RC, the Coordinators prepared a working paper titled "Ways forward on universalization of the CCM" that was presented at the 2nd Preparatory Meeting on 4 September 2020. Further discussions on the paper, which can be found on the [UNODA](http://unoda.org) website, will take place at the 2RC.



Croatia and Montenegro comply with CCM Article 4

Croatia and Montenegro declared completion of clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants before their Convention deadline of 1 August 2020. The compliance of these 2 countries leaves only 10 States Parties with outstanding obligations under Article 4.



Additional extension request to be considered at 2RC

Although Bosnia and Herzegovina had made every effort to comply with Article 4 by its deadline of 1 March 2021, disruption of clearance operations led BiH to become the third country to submit an extension request under Article 4 to be considered at the 2RC. The request has been made available on the [CCM website](http://cmconvention.org).

Exhibition and film screening on the impact of cluster munitions



The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the GICHD are co-organizing a public photo exhibition "Lasting Footprints" to showcase the aftermath of cluster munitions. The exhibition was held in Geneva on 17-31 August and in Bern on 1-14 September. It will continue in Lugano on 1-19 October and in Lausanne on 21-31 October. On 27 August 2020, a screening of "The Remnants" took place in Geneva followed by a panel discussion with the 2RC President and representatives of the GICHD and Humanity and Inclusion (HI). The film depicts how UXOs, including cluster munitions, still deeply affect communities in Lao PDR decades after deployment.

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