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## Highlights

(1 May to 30 September 2016)

**The Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP)** was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 5–7 September 2016

Under the leadership of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) adopted a **Political Declaration** with an aim to implement all obligations **before 2030**. All 6MSP documents including the Final Report and statements can be found on the Convention's website.



### A new Presidency

At the end of the 6MSP, the **Federal Republic of Germany** took over the Presidency from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to lead the work of the Convention up to the Seventh Meeting of States Parties.

### SAVE THE DATE: Seventh Meeting of States Parties (7MSP)

The presidency announced that the **7MSP** will take place from **4–6 September 2017** in Room XIX of the Palais des Nations in **Geneva**.

### Upholding the norm of the Convention

During the first weeks of its Presidency, the Federal Republic of Germany issued a statement expressing deep concern about the recurring news of the use of cluster munitions in Syria.

### Universalization

UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon sent a letter in June 2016 encouraging States that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention on Cluster Munitions to consider, without delay, joining the Convention. To date 119 States have joined the Convention: **100 as States Parties and 19 as Signatories**.



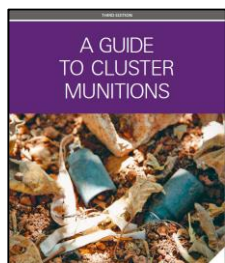
New Zealand (CCM Coordinator for National Implementation Measures of the Convention) together with Ecuador and Zambia (CCM Coordinators for universalization of the Convention) organized an *African regional workshop on CCM universalization and national implementation measures* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 4 and 5 August 2016. The event was attended by 17 States. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for signatory and non-signatory States in Africa to discuss challenges and solutions for joining the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The workshop ended with participants committing to measures they would undertake to effectively carry out the remaining work forward in Africa through the adoption of a pledge: *The Addis Ababa Commitment on universalization and implementation of the CCM*.

## Composition of the Coordination Committee (2016–2017)

The composition of the Coordination Committee was reviewed during the 6MSP. The Committee consists of the Presidency and Coordinators appointed to the various thematic areas of the Convention. In addition to the designated States Parties, the United Nations (UN), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) are invited to Committee meetings as active members as observers. Below is the composition of the Coordination Committee from September 2016 up to the 7MSP (September 2017).

President	Germany
Universalization	France and Zambia
Stockpile Destruction and Retention	Croatia and Mexico
Victim Assistance	Chile and Italy
Clearance and Risk Reduction	Netherlands and Norway
International Cooperation and Assistance	Australia and Iraq
Reporting	Costa Rica
National Implementation Measures	New Zealand
General Status and Operation of the Convention	Bosnia & Herzegovina and Switzerland

## 2 new publications



To promote the effective and efficient implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (ISU-CCM) in collaboration with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) published in May 2016 the third edition of *A Guide to Cluster Munitions*. The publication was made possible by the generous financial contribution of the Government of Italy.

To guide States Parties effectively implement the provisions of the Convention on Cluster Munitions from the First to the Second Review Conference, States Parties agreed during the First Review Conference of States Parties to a five year road map (2015–2020). *The Dubrovnik Action Plan* (DAP) establishes a list of priorities for both States Parties and other implementation actors, and also serves as a tool to monitor progress. To promote the DAP the ISU-CCM published an easy to read version in booklet format.



All documents and publications mentioned in this Quarterly Newsletter are available on the Convention's website at [www.clusterconvention.org](http://www.clusterconvention.org)

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