



CMC Memo for Government Delegates

## Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

4 – 6 September 2017, Geneva

### What is the 7MSP about?

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties (7MSP) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) will take place from 4 to 6 September 2017 at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The 7MSP will provide an opportunity for States Parties to present progresses, challenges, plans and needs for assistance and cooperation to achieve their convention obligations and the commitments they made under the 2015 Dubrovnik Action Plan (DAP) and the Dubrovnik declaration.

The 7MSP will be presided over by Ambassador Michael Bontino of Germany. The meeting is open to States Parties, States not party, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

The Convention on Cluster Munitions opened for signature in 2008 and entered into force in 2010. To date 119 states have joined the Convention, of which 102 are States Parties and the remaining 17 are signatories that have yet to ratify. Benin was the last State to ratify the Convention, in July 2017.

### What are states expected to do at this meeting?

At the 7MSP:

- States Parties are expected to **report on the progress they have made and their plans** on all relevant convention obligations and commitments (cluster munition clearance, victim assistance, stockpile destruction, risk reduction education, transparency measures, international cooperation and assistance, etc.)
- States not party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions are expected **to announce ratification or accession or report on the steps they have taken to join the Convention.**
- States are expected to **actively participate in discussions** throughout the 7MSP, in particular on the following **key issue:**
  - Cluster munition use

Syrian government use of cluster munitions has been widespread and is ongoing. Cluster munitions are also used extensively in the Syrian-Russian joint operations. Since March 2015, the armed coalition led by Saudi Arabia has been using cluster munitions in Yemen. The coalition is comprised of Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates. **All States Parties should condemn the use and urge the users to ensure no new cluster munition use in the future.**

## How can governments register, prepare and participate?

### ➤ Invitation

The 7MSP [note verbale](#) was circulated by Secretary-General of the United Nations in February 2017, inviting States Parties as well as States not party to the Convention to participate in the meeting observer.

A separate [invitation letter](#) was circulated by the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations inviting organizations to attend the 7MSP as observer.

### ➤ Registration

The registration comprises two steps.

The first step is to **register online** at <https://reg.unog.ch/event/16882/>

As a second step, all governments should submit a **note verbale** listing delegation members, to:

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Palais des Nations, room C.117  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
Fax: (+011-41) 22-917-0034  
E-mail: [ccm@unog.ch](mailto:ccm@unog.ch)  
Website: [www.unog.ch/ccm](http://www.unog.ch/ccm)*

### ➤ Background Information

Background documents for the meeting, including the draft Geneva progress report, agenda and administrative information will be available on the ISU website at: <http://www.clusterconvention.org/meetings/msp/seventh-meeting-of-states-parties/>

For any questions related to the meetings contact the Implementation Support Unit of the CCM at [info@clusterconvention.org](mailto:info@clusterconvention.org).

