



## The Future of Armed Conflict and Cluster Munitions

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of the event: **17 May 2022**

Time: **1: 30 to 2: 30 Geneva time**

**Organizer(s): Maat for Peace Development and Human Rights and Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments**

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### 2. SIDE EVENT PROMOTION

#### **Information on the event:**

For more than half a century, cluster munitions have destroyed civilian lives and livelihoods. Cluster munitions, which are large weapons that disperse dozens or hundreds of smaller submunitions, pose two major humanitarian problems. The submunitions spread over a broad footprint, and can kill or injure civilians during strikes on populated areas. In addition, many submunitions do not explode on impact and thus can endanger civilians, especially children, for months or years after an attack.

The 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions bans the use, production, transfer, and stockpiling of these weapons. It exemplifies the newest type of disarmament—humanitarian disarmament—which seeks to protect civilians through its absolute prohibitions, obligations to destroy stockpiles, and requirements to adopt remedial measures on clearance and victim assistance. More than half the world has joined the Convention, which has helped generate a global stigma against cluster munitions. Reports and the international community need to condemn such use, and more states need to join the Convention in the future to ensure the ban’s effectiveness. In addition, states should adopt, as soon as possible, strong laws to implement the treaty at the national level.

**So, Maat for Peace Development and Human Rights and Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments As a global Coalition that includes organizations from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, we are organizing this side event to raise awareness of the importance of joint action to achieve the goals of the treaty and to encourage civil society organizations to play a role as an effective mediator to help countries implement the treaty**

#### **Discussion topics**

- **The need to destroy stockpiles of cluster munitions**
- **Efforts made by States Parties with regard to universalization**
- **Monitoring and reporting processes regarding ongoing violations of the implementation of the Convention**
- **Efforts of civil society organizations and international organizations**

#### **Event and/or registration link(s)<sup>1</sup>:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81862597886?pwd=NmdMcWJ5Wk5QVk5NWHpnSzB1Wlg2QT09>**

**Meeting ID: 818 6259 7886**

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