



28 February 2014

**Invitation to the Intersessional Meeting to the
Convention on Cluster Munitions
Geneva, 7-9 April 2014**

**To
The States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions,
Signatories and Observer States
and Interested Organizations**

Excellency,

In my capacity as President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, **it is with great pleasure that I invite you to the Intersessional Meeting of the CCM, to be held from 7-9 April 2014, at the World Meteorological Organisation in Geneva.**

Organized by the interim Implementation Support Unit at United Nations Development Programme and with support from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, the informal Intersessional meeting is aimed at discussing progress achieved and challenges encountered in matters pertaining to the implementation of the CCM. It is also our intention to capture these updates for *the San Jose Progress Report: Monitoring progress in implementing the Vientiane Action Plan between the Fourth and Fifth Meetings of States* which I will present to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties later this year in San Jose, Costa Rica.



Further information relating to the Intersessional programme and practical issues including registration, can be found on the CCM website at this link:

<http://www.clusterconvention.org/meetings/intersessional-meetings/april-2014/>

For ease of planning and travel bookings, I would also like to remind you of the intersessional work and the 2nd Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), which takes place the same week, from 9 to 11 April 2014. More information on this can be found at www.apminebanconvention.org. Please be advised that separate registration is required for the two events.

You may also wish to note that since 12 December 2008 Switzerland has been an associated Member of the Schengen Agreement and hence Schengen regulations apply for the entry. The process of acquiring a Schengen visa takes up to one month once the application is completed. Therefore it is strongly recommended that delegates contact the Swiss representatives at their place of residence as soon as possible for information about visa application procedures and documents to be presented. Please visit Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs website where information about visa applications can be found as well as the list of Swiss representations abroad:

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rep.html>

The visa application form can be downloaded on the web-page of Switzerland's Federal Office of Migration where further information about the entry to Switzerland is available:

<https://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>



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We look forward to your participation which will greatly contribute to the overall success of this meeting and reflect the continued support of your country to the global effort of putting an end to the unacceptable harm caused by cluster munitions.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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