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Invitation to the intersessional Meeting to the Convention on Cluster Munitions Geneva, 22-23 June 2015

To States parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, signatories and other observer States and interested organizations

Excellency,

On behalf of the President of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), it is with great pleasure that I invite you to an intersessional meeting of the CCM, to be held 22-23 June 2015, at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva.

Organized with the assistance of the interim Implementation Support Unit at UNDP and with logistical support from the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, the intersessional meeting is informal and will this year focus on furthering the development of the Dubrovnik Action Plan to be adopted by States parties at the 1st Review Conference later this year.

Similar to previous years, the agenda will remain divided into the substantive areas of the Convention. However, the format of the week will be of an interactive workshop style consultation on the Dubrovnik Action Plan. By doing so, we hope that these intersessionals will be an opportunity for States parties and other stakeholders to work together for the further



harmonization and finalization of the various substantive sections of the action plan under the most capable coordination of the respective thematic Coordinators.

To this end, the meeting aims to further capture the views and positions of States with regard to the outlined draft Action Plan capturing the suggested guidance that will contribute to effective and efficient implementation of the CCM over the next five-year period of the life of the Convention. The Programme of work is attached to this letter and the draft Dubrovnik Action Plan will be circulated in due course in advance of the intersessionals meeting. We are confident that this will help to further inform the Second Preparatory Meeting to the First Review Conference which will take place the following day, on 24 June 2015, at the Palais des Nations.

Please note that information relating to the Intersessional programme and practical issues including registration, can be found on the CCM website: https://www.clusterconvention.org/meetings/intersessional-meetings/june-2015/

For ease of planning and travel bookings, I would like to remind you of the intersessional Meeting of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), which takes place the same week, from 25 to 26 June 2015. More information on this can be found at http://www.apminebanconvention.org/intersessional-work-programme/june-2015/. Please be advised that separate registration for the intersessional meeting to the CCM, the Second Preparatory Meeting to the First Review Conference and intersessional meeting of the APMBC is required.

Please note that since 12 December 2008 Switzerland has been an associated Member of the Schengen Agreement and hence Schengen regulations apply for entry into Switzerland. The process of acquiring a Schengen visa can take up to 4 weeks once the application is completed. Therefore it is strongly recommended that delegates contact Swiss representation at their place of residence as soon as possible. Please visit Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs



website where delegates will find information about visa applications and the list of Swiss representation abroad: http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html

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 in putting an end to the unacceptable harm caused by cluster munitions.

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

H.E. Elayne Whyte Gomez

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica