

Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions

Soria Moria Conference Center 22 – 23 February 2007

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 February

Arrival of participants

19:30 Informal buffet dinner

Thursday, 22 February

09:00 Coffee and registration

09:30 Opening by Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Jonas Gahr Støre

Session 1

Addressing the challenges posed by cluster munitions

Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Introductions by:

Peter Bachelor, United Nations Development Program
Peter Herby, International Committee of the Red Cross
Steve Goose, Cluster Munitions Coalition

General Discussion

Objective: To provide Conference participants with a brief overview of the nature and magnitude of the challenges posed by cluster munitions. The emphasis of the introductions will be on effective and realistic actions states concerned with these challenges can take to address them.

(The session will be open to media during the opening statement and the introductions)

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Session 2

Realities from different field contexts and adequate responses

Co-Chairs: Norway and New Zealand

Objective: To discuss the complexities addressing cluster munitions entail and the implications for designing appropriate policy responses. The introductions will focus on separate but related issues;

- The technical characteristics of cluster munitions
- How use in different contexts impacts differently in strike areas
- Preventing future crisis by addressing proliferation

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Short introductions by:

Dr Colin King, King Associates/Jane's Defence
Grethe Østern, Norwegian People's Aid and CMC
Mr Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Germany

13:00 Luncheon

15:00 Session 3

Towards a framework for cooperation and assistance

Co-Chairs: Norway and Ireland

Objective: To discuss how to initiate and facilitate efficient and relevant actions to address problems caused by cluster munitions. Further how measures for cooperation and assistance can be integrated into an overall instrument on cluster munitions. Introductions will focus on three issues:

- Implementation of assistance programs for victims
- Possible models for establishing a framework for cooperation and assistance
- How international assistance can strengthen national capacity in affected countries

Short introductions by:

Stan Brabant, Handicap International
Canada
Serbia

General discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Session 4

Translating present challenges into political action

Co-chairs: Norway and Ireland

Objective: To discuss opportunities and obstacles for effective multilateral action in humanitarian disarmament processes. The introductions will present different perspectives on how to facilitate, encourage and implement efficient multilateral processes aimed at improving human security.

Short introductions by:

Dr Patricia Lewis, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
Professor Jody Williams, Houston University/Nobel Peace Laureate
Austria

General discussion

18:00 End of Session 4

19:00 Sleigh ride

19:45 Musical entertainment and cocktails followed by

20:15 Dinner hosted by Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Espen Barth-Eide

Friday, 23 February

09:00 Session 5

A Future Instrument – outlining scope and approaches

Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico

Objective: To identify the elements required to address the humanitarian concerns, initiate discussions on scope and design of a future new instrument on cluster munitions. The aim of the session is not to discuss specific definitions, but to outline productive *approaches* to future negotiations.

Short introductions by:

Dr Gro Nystuen, University of Oslo
Belgium (tbc)

General discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Session 6

The way forward

Co-Chairs: Norway and Mexico

Introduction by Peru

General discussion

12:30 Chair's summary

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Raymond Johansen

13:00 Luncheon

13:30/14:30 Departures (transport to Oslo Airport Gardemoen)