

# 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

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:

Stijn 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)