

MEDIA ADVISORY

Launch of New Report - *Banning Cluster Munitions*

Human Rights Watch and Landmine Action are releasing *Banning Cluster Munitions: Government Policy and Practice*, a 288-page report produced for Landmine Monitor on the new international treaty banning cluster munitions.

WHEN Friday 29 May 2009, 11:30am (Geneva time)

WHERE Press Room 3, UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

WHO Hosted by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Affairs (UNIDIR), this press conference features Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) co-chairs:

- 1) Mr. Steve Goose, Arms Division director of Human Rights Watch and final editor of *Banning Cluster Munitions*; and
- 2) Mr. Richard Moyes, research director of Landmine Action, editor of *Banning Cluster Munitions*.

WHAT *Banning Cluster Munitions* is the first report to take an in-depth, country-by-country look at how the "Oslo Process," the diplomatic initiative started by Norway in November 2006, resulted in the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. Charting the evolution of cluster munition policy in 150 countries, this report highlights dramatic changes experienced by major powers such as France and the United Kingdom. *Banning Cluster Munitions* also provides new information on cluster munition use, production, stockpiling, and trade.

NOTE Experts will be available to conduct interviews in English, French, and Spanish. A media kit will be available in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish. At 01:00 GMT on 29 May 2009 the report and media kit will be available online at www.lm.icbl.org.

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