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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) which entered into force on 1 August 2010.

Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides for regular meetings of the States Parties in order to consider and, where necessary, take decisions in respect of any matter with regard to the application or implementation of the Convention. Pursuant to this article and the decision taken by the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (Lusaka, Zambia, 10-13 September 2013), an up to four days Fifth Meeting of States Parties will be held during the first week of September 2014 in San Jose, Costa Rica (paragraph 38 of the Final document of the Fourth Meeting, as contained in CCM/MSP/2013/6).

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind the Permanent Representatives of Member States that the General Assembly of the United Nations, through its resolution 63/71, adopted on 2 December 2008, requested the Secretary-General “*to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention on Cluster Munitions*”.

Against this background and pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Convention and the established practice, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions during the first week of September 2014 in San Jose, Costa Rica, and to invite all States Parties to the Convention to participate in it. The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Fifth Meeting as Observers.

The Secretary-General also wishes to remind that, in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention, “*the costs of the Meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States parties and States not party to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately*”.

The details of delegations to the Fifth Meeting should be submitted by Friday, 22 August 2014, to the Secretary-General of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

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Further information on the arrangements for the Meeting will be communicated to the Permanent Missions by the Secretariat in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

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