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REFERENCE:

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 (hereinafter the Convention), which entered into force on 1 August 2010.

Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Convention provides that *“A Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention. Further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years. All States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference.”*

Pursuant to article 12 of the Convention and to the decision taken by the Fifth Meeting of States Parties of the Convention (San José, Costa Rica, 2-5 September 2014) in its Final Document (CCM/MSP/2014/6), the First Review Conference will take place from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia, and its two Preparatory meetings will be held in Geneva on 5 February and 3 June 2015.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to remind the Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States that the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 63/71 of 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 12 of the Convention and the established practice, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and its Preparatory Meetings and to invite all States Parties to the Convention to participate. The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite States not party to the Convention to participate as Observers in the First Review Conference and in its Preparatory Meetings.

The Secretary-General 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 each meeting should be submitted by the following dates: Friday 23 January 2015 for the First Preparatory Committee meeting; Monday 25 May 2015 for the Second Preparatory Committee meeting and Wednesday 26 August 2015 for the Review Conference. Such details should be sent to the following address:

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Further information on the arrangements for the meetings will be communicated to the Permanent Missions by the secretariat of the Review Conference in due course.

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

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