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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member 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 Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (Beirut, Lebanon, 12-16 September 2011), the Third Meeting of States Parties of a duration of up to four days will be held in Norway during the week of 10 to 14 September 2012 (paragraph 31 of the Final document of the Second Meeting, as contained document CCM/MSP/2011/5).

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 Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions from 11 to 14 September 2012 in Oslo, Norway, 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 Third 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 Third Meeting should be submitted by Friday, 24 August 2012, to the Secretary-General of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

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The Secretary-General also wishes to remind that all participants who need a visa to enter the Schengen area are recommended to apply for a visa as early as possible and at the latest 15 working days before their planned departure. Information on criteria, requirements and the visa application process could be found on: <http://www.udi.no/Norwegian-Directorate-of-Immigration/Central-topics/Visa/> .

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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