

# Global Week of Action to Ban Cluster Bombs

## 27 October – 2 November

### Actions and events

#### **Afghanistan**

*Afghan Landmine Survivors Organisation (ALSO), CMC Afghanistan*

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CMC Afghanistan, coordinated by the Afghan Landmine Survivors Association (ALSO) will be holding a series of meetings with members of parliament asking for their support to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to recommend to the Minister of Foreign Affairs that Afghanistan signs in Oslo. CMC Afghanistan will also be asking parliamentarians to sign the People's Treaty. Campaigners are also seeking a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs to handover a letter. During the week, a petition collection for People's Treaty will be held in a public place.

Campaigners from across the world will also be sending letters to the Minister and representatives of Afghanistan including their missions to the UN and embassies worldwide. Afghanistan is affected by cluster munitions but has not yet announced whether they will be signing the Convention in Oslo – please help take part in the action that will be launched at the beginning of the Global Week of Action to encourage Afghanistan to sign in Oslo.

#### **Albania**

*Kukes Organisation*

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On 27 October campaigners from the Kukes organisation in Albania will be meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ask them to make sure that Albania is highly represented in Oslo and sending a Minister to sign the Convention. Albania has already announced that they will sign the Convention in Oslo. On 28 October campaigners will be meeting with the Ministry of Defence to discuss joining the Convention. On 27 and 28 there will be also a Mobile Street Theatre Performance in Tirana to attract the attention of community and raise awareness of the Oslo Conference. On 31 October Kukes organisation in coordination with the Albanian Mine Action Centre (AMAE) are organising a General Meeting with members of Albanian Mine Action Committee (AMAC) on the importance of signing the Convention on Cluster Munitions. On 2 November Kukes are organising a press conference.

#### **Argentina**

*Asociacion para Politicas Publicas (APP)*

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On 31 October a public event to collect signatures for the People's Treaty will take place in a busy public park in Buenos Aires. T-shirts, cups, pens, pins and a brochure will be given out to people who sign the petition and passers-by. A report of all the activities will be prepared and given to the Department of Defence and Foreign Ministry calling on Argentina to sign the Convention in Oslo. On 2 November campaigners will meet with the President of a football team leading in the national championship to see if a giant flag can be hung in the stadium during a high-profile match.

#### **Australia**

*Austcare, CMC Australia*

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CMC Australia will be sending letters to members of parliament and government representatives congratulating Australia on their recent confirmation that the Foreign Minister will sign the Convention in Oslo and urging Australia to push through national legislation implementing and ratifying the Convention as a priority in 2009 to be one of the first 30 countries to ratify. Campaigners will also be calling on the government to address concerns related to costs of meeting obligations, particularly on stockpile destruction and clearance in the Asia-Pacific region, and asking the government to take national steps and make commitments regarding victim assistance, clearance and stockpile destruction. Campaigners will also be asking Australia to make it clear at the Convention on Conventional Weapons meeting in November that Australia will not endorse, adopt or subsequently ratify a protocol in the CCW that provides for future use, production or transfer of cluster munitions. A media release will be distributed widely to regional contacts which will outline the key points relevant to the Australian situation.

### **Azerbaijan**

*Azerbaijan CBL, Institute for Peace and Democracy*

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The Azerbaijan Campaign to Ban Landmines (AzCBL) is organizing two workshops for Azeri university students entitled "World Tendencies after the Signing of the Ottawa Convention and Oslo Process" which will present the successes of the Mine Ban Treaty to date, raise awareness about upcoming events in Oslo and reflect on Azerbaijan's current position with respect to these treaties. In addition, they will invite the speakers from organizations in Azerbaijan that work on the issues of human rights, veteran affairs and disabilities caused by war as well as disabled people affected by landmines.

The AzCBL will also do a public viewing of the film "Unacceptable Harm" in Azeri in an event co-hosted by the American Councils which interviews survivor of cluster munitions on cluster munitions, which will be followed by Q&A session to increase public awareness about this issue globally. The AzCBL will inform the youth about the global effort to ban cluster munitions, show the animation film on cluster bombs, and a slide show on the issue of cluster munitions and the process to ban them. All participants will be asked to take action by signing the People's Treaty petition.

AzCBL will be taking part in a series of meetings with relevant decision-makers on the Convention on Cluster Munitions and will also host a roundtable meeting just after the Global Week of Action to discuss the feasibility of Azerbaijan joining the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Participants will include governmental representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ANAMA, civil society organizations, landmine survivors as well as media, international organizations (ICRC, UNDP, UNICEF) and a representative from the Norwegian Embassy.

### **Angola**

*Angola 2000*

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Angola 2000 will be sending letters to the Prime Minister, and other key Ministers asking Angola, who has already announced that they will sign the Convention in Oslo, to send high level representatives to Oslo to sign. Copies of the letter will also be sent to members of parliament and to the National Commission on Disarmament.

### **Bangladesh**

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On 28 October LGSA will hold a press conference with other civil society organisations calling on the government to sign the convention in Oslo and explaining about the problem of cluster munitions, the Oslo Process and the signing conference. On 29 October, LGSA will meet with representatives at the Foreign Ministry to hand over a letter and discuss the upcoming signing conference in Oslo and encourage Bangladesh to be there to sign the Convention.

## **Belgium**

Handicap International Belgium

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Handicap International in Belgium is doing advocacy work to countries that have not yet decided whether they will sign the Convention in Oslo including: Afghanistan, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Turkey. This will be carried out through embassies and other government representations in Brussels. Handicap International Belgium is also working with the Ban Advocates, survivors of cluster bombs campaigning for a ban, to send letters to countries that are affected by cluster bombs.

## **Belarus**

Belarus Support Center for Associations and Foundations (SCAF), Belarus CMC

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SCAF will be conducting a survey among community members on their attitudes towards cluster bombs and whether they think that they should be banned. Students will help to conduct the survey and will also be interviewing representatives from local government and members of parliament to find out their opinions on a cluster bomb ban. After the survey has been carried out, the results will be published in articles in newspapers and meetings will be held for community members to discuss cluster bombs and the Convention to ban them. Belarus CMC will also meet with the Belarus Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arms Control and Regional Security Department experts to discuss Belarus' position on the Convention on Cluster Munitions and possible actions and national steps the government can start to take towards a ban on cluster bombs.

## **Bosnia**

Handicap International

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From 29 -30 October a European conference of faith leaders will be organised by World Religions for Peace, the Inter-Religious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Handicap International in Bosnia. This meeting will bring together senior faith leaders from across all of Europe to discuss the problem of cluster bombs, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and advocacy efforts that faith leaders can carry out in support of the Convention. There will be photo exhibition on cluster munitions at the conference. On the last day of the conference faith leaders will issue a joint statement regarding the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Media will be invited to the event and extensive media outreach is being done on the issue of cluster munitions, the signing conference in Oslo and the gathering of faith leaders in support of a ban on cluster bombs.

A video animation and radio jingle will be broadcast intensively throughout the second half of October, appealing to the government to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo.

## **Burundi**

Association de Prise en Charges des Orphelins de Guerre (APECOG)

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APECOG and Handicap International (France) in Burundi is holding a press conference on the upcoming signing conference jointly with a representative with the Ministry of Foreign affairs to publicly announce that Burundi will sign the Convention in Oslo. A member of parliament will announce that Burundi will work to ratify the Convention quickly. APECOG is also convening a workshop for parliamentarians to mobilise them to work on the ratification process. UNDP, government representatives, embassies and civil society will be invited to participate.

## **Brazil**

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Campaigners from the Brazilian Campaign to Ban Landmines, Sou da Paz and Vida Brasil are screening a documentary film in Santa Maria on cluster munitions and are collecting signatures for the People's Treaty in Brazil that calls on Brazil to sign the treaty in Oslo. Vida Brasil will host a workshop on the rights of persons with disabilities in Recife and collecting signatures for the People's Treaty.

A cyber action is also being launched in São Paulo giving Brazilians the opportunity to send requests to governmental representatives and urge Brazil sign the treaty in Oslo. A letter writing action targeting the Minister of Foreign Affairs is also being carried out by the Latin American members of the CMC that is asking the Brazilian government to sign in Oslo. Editorials written by the three organizations are being placed in a national newspaper.

## **Cambodia**

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A Ban Bus is being launched on 27 October in Phnom Penh city that will travel 700km visiting universities, survivors and affected communities, government representatives, deminers and many more people and organisations to raise awareness of the Cluster Munition Convention and the impact of cluster bombs in Cambodia. It will travel to the north-east of Cambodia together with the UNDP Mine Action Programme, Norwegian People's Aid, the Cambodian Red Cross, Venerable Vibol the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhist Cambodia and the Cambodian Mine and UXO Victim Information System (CMVIS). A media team and journalists will also go on the trip including Equity Weekly, a public television show, and will follow the Ban Bus to do a feature on Cambodia and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. On 28 October the Ban Bus will make its way to Kampong Cham province where cluster bombs were dropped and will meet with the provincial authority asking them to sign the People's Treaty before proceeding to the Dambe district to meet with survivors and other villagers in communities still contaminated by cluster bombs. On 29 October the Ban Bus will continue to the Kratie province, also affected by cluster bombs, and will meet the local authorities and survivors to invite them to sign the People's Treaty and visit local villages. On 31 October the Ban Bus will travel back to Phnom Penh visiting more villages contaminated by cluster bombs on the way. The Ban Bus will then return to Phnom Penh where it will end its journey with a closing ceremony which some key people from government, embassies from donor countries, demining agencies and civil society will participate in. On their journey, signatures will be collected for the People's Treaty. 15,000 signatures have been collected in Cambodia so far, and will be handed over the government of Cambodia at the end of the trip.

Banners are being put up in the main thoroughfares of Phnom Penh city calling for a ban on cluster munitions and advertising the upcoming signing conference in Oslo. ANZ, the largest bank in

Cambodia will be distributing flyers in the run up to and during the signing about cluster bombs in Cambodia and the signing of the treaty.

Campaigners will also be advocating to other countries in the region, the most heavily affected region by cluster bombs in the world, to call on these countries to sign in Oslo

## **Canada**

*Mines Action Canada (MAC)*

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MAC will be launching an email viral with an animation to supporters to inform them of the upcoming signing conference in Oslo and asking them to sign the People's Treaty petition. MAC is also sending letters and advocating to other countries to sign the Convention in Oslo when it opens for signature, in particular they will send letters to Caribbean states and states that are undecided on whether they will sign the Convention.

## **Chile**

*Centro de Informacion en Zonas Minadas*

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A group of organizations in Chile including, Centro de Información Zona Minada, Grupo de Víctimas Minas y Municiones, la Fundación Estrella, Grupo de Víctimas de Bombas de Racimo are erecting a monument in Chile to commemorate the victims of cluster bombs. A film screening of the film 'From Laos to Lebanon' is being shown at a film festival in Viña del Mar.

## **Colombia**

*Colombian Campaign Against Landmines*

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The Colombian Campaign Against Landmines started their activities on 9 October at the Ditjrambo Theatre where 40 activists from Mercy Corps, the radio station "Aire Sin Minas" which broadcasts on cluster munitions and landmines, and other organisations produced a play called "Quebrapatas" (leg-breaker) raising awareness of the issue of landmines and cluster munitions. Campaigners have also launched the People's Treaty in Colombia and will be collecting signatures for this petition, including at the theatre. Regional representatives across Colombia will also be screening films on the problem of cluster bombs and collecting signatures for the People's Treaty.

A letter signed by faith leaders is also being issued, and an article in one of the main national newspapers will be published on the issue of cluster munitions.

## **Democratic Republic of Congo**

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Campaigners in the DRC will mark the Global Week of Action in November by holding a range of meetings with National Commissions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UN Mine Action Centre, the Parliamentary Commission against mines and cluster munitions, and with the Congolese delegates participating in the Oslo process. A roundtable will be held on the Convention on Cluster Munitions inviting ministry representatives, members of parliament, embassies and civil society to participate and develop an action plan to ratify and implement the Convention with a particular focus on clearance and victim assistance, as DR Congo is affected by cluster bombs.

## **Denmark**

### *Dan Church Aid*

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In Denmark, Dan Church Aid and the Danish Red Cross will be carrying out a media campaign, placing articles in print media and doing television interviews, to raise awareness among the public and put pressure on the Danish political parties and the government. It will call on Denmark to sign in Oslo and as chair of the Convention on Certain Conventional weapons (CCW), to make sure that the CCW does not endorse a protocol that is of a lower standard than the Convention on Cluster Munitions which bans cluster bombs.

### **Egypt**

*Protection*

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Protection will issue a press release on 1 November to urge all Arabic countries to sign in Oslo, it will be distributed widely to all Arabic media outlets.

### **Ethiopia**

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Campaigners in Ethiopia have issued a communiqué to the embassies of Austria, Ireland and Norway in Addis Ababa requesting their support in holding a joint meeting to engage the Ethiopian government and encouraging them to sign the Convention in Oslo. Similar letters are also being submitted to the UNDP country office and to ICRC. A media campaign is also being launched and a letter by Yiberta Tadesse of RaDO will be distributed to major national newspapers to be published, calling on the government to sign the convention in Oslo. Radio and television networks are also being approached to run a story on cluster bombs. Information on their campaign is going to be disseminated on the website of the Christian Relief and Development Organization, a consortium of 1,000 NGOs.

### **Fiji**

*Pacific Concerns Resource Centre*

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PCRC is inviting all Pacific missions as well as civil society, politicians and government officials to an event to present an educational overview about the problems of cluster munitions, giving an overview of Pacific and international support for the Convention and the role of the Pacific in supporting the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The New Zealand embassy has been approached to officiate, given their lead role in the Pacific through the Wellington Conference.

### **Finland**

*Peace Union Finland*

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Peace Union Finland launched a global letter-writing action targeting Finland's Foreign Minister Alexander Stubb, in advance of the Global Week of Action calling on Finland to sign the treaty in Oslo. A media campaign will be launched throughout the week as Finland is currently deciding whether to sign in Oslo and is expected to make its decision by the end of October. Campaigners will also get the opportunity to meet with Finnish Foreign Minister Alexander Stubb to discuss signing in Oslo, and hand over a petition.

### **France**

*Handicap International France*

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Campaigners in France are sending letters through embassies in Paris to all of the countries that adopted the Convention in Dublin as well as affected states and states that have not yet decided whether they will sign the Convention in Oslo. 70,000 supporters of Handicap International in France will be sent information on the upcoming signing conference in Oslo.

## **Gambia**

*West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Gambia*

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On 28 October Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS) will run an hour-long radio programme on the signing of the Convention in Oslo. KWT Radio will run a 30 minute programme on 30 October. On 29 October Pamela Cole will meet with the Department of State for Foreign Affairs about the signing of the Convention, a press release on Gambia's participation in the Oslo signing Conference will be issued to the leading newspapers following this meeting. Shortly after the Global Week of Action, a sensitization workshop for the newly elected members of the National Assembly will also be held on cluster munitions and the Convention.

## **Germany**

*Handicap International*

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On 26 October members of the public and campaigners in Munich will lie down in protest against cluster bombs to raise awareness of the upcoming Oslo Conference, which Germany's Foreign Minister will personally sign in Oslo. A letter-writing campaign is being launched asking parliamentarians to ratify the Convention quickly. Letters will also be sent to countries that are undecided as to whether they will sign the Convention in Oslo.

## **Georgia**

*Georgian Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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Throughout the week campaigners will meet with government officials, parliamentarians and other civil society organizations to discuss the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the signing in Oslo. Campaigners will conduct social forums and will be asking people to sign the online People's Treaty petition. Activities are being supported by the Ministry of Health and Social Security and the Deputy Minister has assisted in convening meetings with governmental bodies and parliamentary representatives. A photo exhibition is being organized.

## **India**

*Control Arms Foundation India*

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In India campaigners will form a human chain on Parliament Street on 31 October. A member of parliament in India will launch the action.

## **Italy**

*Italian Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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On 31 October the European Ban Bus arrives in Padua. The whole day will be dedicated to raising awareness of the cluster munitions issue, kicking off with a seminar on "Disarmament: How to succeed" including a speech by a local politician. Then there will be an event to welcome the Ban Bus in the main square before it drives around the town followed by another open air bus filled with

students waving banners. In the evening there will be a concert featuring *Peaceween*. On 1 November in Rome an event called “Bomba Mangia Bomba” (bomb eats bomb) will be launched collect signatures for the People’s Treaty and is sponsored by a doughnut company. On 4 November in Rome a parliamentary conference is taking place in the Deputy’s Chambers entitled “From mines to cluster bombs: the impact on civilians and their human rights.” Speakers will include the MP Enzo Scotti (Second Secretary), Massimo Barra (President, Italian Red Cross), Angelo Bazzari (President, Don Gnocchi Foundation) as well as the President and the Director from the Italian Campaign to Ban Landmines.

## **Iraq**

*Iraqi Handicapped Survivors Society*

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In Iraq campaigners are launching a media campaign to speak about the problem of cluster munitions in Iraq and the Convention to encourage Iraq to sign. After the Week of Action campaigners are convening a national workshop on Iraq and the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Campaigners from across the world will also be sending letters to the Minister and representatives of Iraq including their missions to the UN and embassies worldwide. Iraq is affected by cluster munitions but has not yet announced whether they will be signing the Convention in Oslo, although have given positive signals – please help to encourage Iraq to sign in Oslo.

## **Ireland**

*CMC Ireland*

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Campaigners in Dublin are organising a screening of "Unacceptable Harm" on Wednesday 29 October, and have invited government representatives, NGOs as well as media to the event. At the screening campaigners will hand over a letter asking their government to continue its leading role in the Oslo Process and promote the Convention nationally and internationally. Outside the venue campaigners will draw chalk silhouettes on the pavement to highlight the indiscriminate effects of cluster munitions and harm they cause to civilians.

## **Japan**

*Japanese Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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On 24 October the Japanese campaign are holding of a panel discussion in Tokyo entitled “Sign and ratify the treaty”. A famous novelist and well-known peace activist will take part as a key note speakers. On 25 and 26 October campaigners will take part in the university cultural festival in Chiba Prefecture and will stage a public “lie down” action against cluster bombs

*Peace Boat*

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On 27 October Peace Boat will organise a lie-down action with 200 of their passengers on the deck of their ship. Peace Boat is a ship that sails from Japan to the USA and is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting action on issues related to peace. On 27 October the ship will be in the Mediterranean on its 63<sup>rd</sup> voyage.

## **Jordan**

*Handicap International, Mercy Corps, NPA, Pax Christi, Survivor Corps.*

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Campaigners in Jordan are holding a photo exhibition inviting the Royal representatives, representatives from embassies in Amman, civil society and media.

Campaigners from across the world will also be sending letters to the King, Ministers and representatives of Jordan including their missions to the UN and embassies worldwide. Jordan has been a leader in the AP Mine Ban Treaty but has not yet announced whether they will be signing the Convention in Oslo – please help to encourage Jordan to sign in Oslo.

## **Kenya**

*CMC Kenya*

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CMC Kenya are kicking off the Global Week of Action on 27 October by holding a peaceful march through Nairobi which will culminate in a public ‘lie down’ against cluster bombs. On the march there will be members of the diplomatic corps, members of parliament, civil society organisations and members of the public. Campaigners will be urging Kenya to be a leader in the process and maintain a positive stand in support of the Convention. The government will be invited to make a public statement. There will also be presentations and a performance by a theatre group co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Throughout, signatures will be collected for the People’s Treaty. On 5 November a meeting for parliamentarians will be held to sensitise them to the process and will be invited to join the parliamentary network of the CMC.

## **Korea**

*Korean Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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In Korea, campaigners will release a statement signed by 28 member organizations calling on the Republic of Korea to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The Chair of the Korean Campaign to Ban Landmines is also seeking a meeting with the Prime Minister to appeal that Korea signs the Convention in Oslo.

## **Kosovo**

*FOCUS*

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On 21 October campaigners are meeting with government representatives and throughout the Global Week of Action will organise a campaign in city handing out brochures and badges to raise awareness of the upcoming Oslo Conference.

## **Kuwait**

*Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR)*

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An article on cluster munitions and the Convention will be published in a magazine that is widely distributed to countries in the Arab World.

## **Laos**

*COPE*

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On 25 October a concert in Vientiane will raise awareness of cluster bombs and the Convention signing in Oslo raise and funds for COPE rehabilitation centre. The concert will feature the following acts: Klustafunk, Cells, Tuxedo, Uluvus, Johnny Olsen and more and has been sponsored by local companies and organisations. Over 1,000 people are expected to take part.

COPE are also holding a public photographic exhibition to raise awareness of the cluster bomb issue in Laos and of the efforts in campaigning and in Mine Action activities.

## **Lebanon**

*Norwegian People's Aid*

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A media campaign is being planned that will take place during the Global Week of Action. The campaign will place large billboards on the highways, and members of the national committee will make appearances on TV. There will also be a TV documentary on the issue. On 28 and 31 October, flyers and stickers will be distributed at checkpoints all over Lebanon. On 1 November, a meeting in the village of Bint Jbeil with the attendance of ministers, parliamentarians, head of municipalities, and other community figures will take place. Documents on the Convention will be distributed to the participants. On 2 November, a march will be held in the streets of Beirut and will end with a gathering in front of the UN building. The gathering will include a number of activities such as petition signing, releasing of balloons, speeches, and a lie down against cluster bombs.

## **Luxembourg**

*Handicap International*

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On 3 November exactly one month before the signing of the Convention, campaigners are planning to hand over a petition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The government has confirmed that they will sign but campaigners will ask the government to clarify issues including interoperability, investments, retention and definition, through a public declaration before or during Oslo. Campaigners are also asking the government to speedily ratify the Convention in order to reach the thirtieth ratification as soon as possible.

## **Macedonia FYR**

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Campaigners in Macedonia have actions planned every day of the Global Week of Action. On 27 October the week will be launched with a press conference and will discuss the upcoming signing Conference and the actions planned throughout the week in Macedonia. On 28 and 30 October, a street action will be held to collect signatures for the People's Treaty in Macedonia Square to build up public support for the treaty. On 29 October a roundtable with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, ambassadors, civil society and journalists will look at "Why we need the Oslo Process". A statement will be produced at the end of the roundtable and delivered to Minister Milososki. On 31 October an open debate called "Cluster Munitions: Killer of Humanity" will be held with activists, journalists and physicians. On 1 November a film will be screened. On 2 November a press conference will close the Week of Action.

## **Malawi**

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A media campaign will be launched and a press conference held with panellists from the government, UNDP, UNICEF, the Norwegian embassy, traditional opinion leaders and other development partners. Campaigners will also carry out interviews to be published in electronic and print media. A big banner announcing the signing conference will be put up in Lilongwe. After the Global Week of Action a

workshop will be held with parliamentarians and key government Ministries on developing legislation to ratify the Convention

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On 27 October a joint press conference will be held, panellists will include the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the President of the Parliament, the President of the National Security Commission and campaigners from the West African Journalists for Security and Development Network, Handicap International Mali and Amnesty International Mali. Twenty-five journalists are expected to attend. The press conference will be followed by a workshop and a lie down against cluster munitions. On 30 October members of CMC will meet with the government delegates that have taken part in the Oslo Process as well as the Foreign Minister and the President of the Parliament in Mali to encourage them to ask other nations to sign the Convention in Oslo.

## **Morocco**

*CMC, ICBL, Protection*

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From 26 – 29 October, CMC, ICBL and Protection will carry out an advocacy mission to Morocco to discuss the Convention on Cluster Munitions and encourage Morocco to sign in Oslo and publicly announce this. The meeting will be followed by a field visit and meetings with other senior representatives.

## **Nepal**

*Nepal Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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A public campaign was launched in Nepal the week prior to the Global Week of Action that will run until 2 November. Campaigners are collecting signatures for the People's Treaty aiming to collect 50,000 signatures that will be handed over to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on 2 November. Brochures are also being handed out to the general public to raise awareness. There will also be a lobbying action on parliamentarians to push the government of Nepal to sign the treaty.

## **The Netherlands**

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Campaigners in the Netherlands will focus on advocacy to bring other countries onboard the Convention on Cluster Munitions as the Netherlands has publicly announced its intention to sign the Convention. Letter writing actions will target countries that are undecided in whether they will sign the Convention in Oslo and countries that have not yet publicly announced that they will sign in Oslo, urging them to publicly announce that they will sign. There will also be a media campaign including radio interviews and issuing a press release.

## **New Zealand**

*Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition*

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The Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition (ANZCMC) are marking the Global Week of Action To Ban Cluster Munitions with the launch of an advertising campaign calling on all

governments to ban the weapon and help prevent civilian casualties. The Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition (ANZCMC) is displaying 50 Adshel posters at locations in Auckland and Wellington for the next two weeks. The posters urge all countries to sign the newly created treaty that prohibits cluster munitions and providing support to people affected by the weapon. The Adshel advertising space has been obtained for free by Auckland-based agency DraftFCB, which has provided pro-bono support to the coalition since November 2007. When the 1.1 meter x 1.77 meter sized posters are taken down they will be delivered to Oslo as gifts to campaigners to take home and use in their advocacy.

ANZCMC coordinator Mary Wareham will also write to Wellington-based diplomatic representatives of states targeted for the signature campaign specifically Brazil, Malaysia, Poland, Thailand, and Vietnam.

## **Nigeria**

*IANSA Women's Network Nigeria*

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CMC Nigeria will host a round table discussion with parliamentarians, with key note speaker Hon. Ibrahim Sorie – a parliamentarian from Sierra Leone that has been very active in the Oslo Process. The round table discussion will focus on legislation to ratify the Convention that is currently being developed by Prof. Olaleye, the draft bill will then be sponsored by Hon Akinyugha in the national assembly. Civil Society and parliamentarians are also hosting meetings with ministerial representatives on the Convention.

## **Pakistan**

*Sustainable Peace and Development Organisation*

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SPADO and member organisations and Youth for Peace will initiate a petition collecting signatures in support of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and will be holding a rally at Peshawar University. Campaigners will be holding a press conference and issuing a press release calling on Pakistan to sign the treaty. They will also run a seminar for young persons.

## **Peru**

*Amnesty International – Peru*

Ana Maria Watson,

On 21 October Amnesty International Peru will hand over the 35,000 signatures that have been collected in Peru for the People's Treaty to a representative of the government and with the media present calling on Peru to sign the Convention without delay. From 27 – 31 October campaigners will run a stall and a photo exhibition at a local fair handing out leaflets to the public to raise awareness and asking that they sign the People's Treaty. Campaigners are also working with the Organisation of Catholic Bishops (CEAS) to produce a faith leader's letter to reinforce the People's Treaty signature campaign. An opinion article will be published in 'El Comercio', one of the largest newspapers in Peru. A kit on the campaign against cluster bombs will be distributed to 120 parliamentarians to inform them of the convention and the implications for Peru

## **Philippines**

*Philippines Campaign Against Cluster Munitions (PCCM)*

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PCCM will tour the Philippines in a campaign caravan collecting signatures for the People's Treaty, hundreds of signatures have already been collected. During the week of action the campaign caravan

will go to Mindanao, an area heavily affected by conflict. They will hand over of the People's Treaty petitions to government officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence in November after the Global Week of Action. A meeting will be held with government agencies about the Convention and they will be lobbying in the Philippine Senate to sign and to create national laws to ratify the Convention quickly. They will also hold meetings and/or an event with embassies of ASEAN countries and countries supportive of the CCM to explore ways to collaborate in urging governments to sign the CCM.

## **Poland**

*Polish Red Cross*

*Lidia Szafaryn, [lidia.szafaryn@pck.org.pl](mailto:lidia.szafaryn@pck.org.pl)*

The Polish Red Cross will launch an animation on their website asking visitors to the website to sign the People's Treaty.

## **Sierra Leone**

*Sierra Leone Action Network on Small Arms*

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Campaigners are holding a meeting with parliamentarians on signing and ratifying the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Parliamentarians will also be asked to sign the People's Treaty.

## **Senegal**

*Senegalese Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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The Senegalese campaign will organise two actions in Dakar and Ziguinchor throughout the whole week: a media campaign and asking parliamentarians to sign the People's Treaty. The main event of the action week will take place in Casamance on 28 October with a panel discussion open to the public entitled "The Oslo Signing Convention on Cluster Munitions Signing Conference and mine victims in Senegal". It will promote the new Convention and the right of victims of clusters munitions outlined in this Convention and promote the same standard for AP mine victims. The event will also screen two films on cluster munitions and signatures will be collected for The People's Treaty. Civil society organisations including HI, Afrique Enjeux, ASVM, CNAMS as well as ICRC and UNICEF and journalists will take part.

## **Slovakia**

*Amnesty International Slovakia, Pax Christi International*

*Jana Panakova, [Jana.Panakova@paxchristi.net](mailto:Jana.Panakova@paxchristi.net)*

Pax Christi International and Amnesty International will be sending a letter to Slovakia's Foreign Minister urging Slovakia to sign the Convention in Oslo.

## **Somalia**

*Somalia Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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Throughout the week local radio will run programmes on cluster munitions and the upcoming signing in Oslo. Campaigners are also planning to hold a press conference jointly with the government to announce that Somalia will the Convention in Oslo.

## **South Africa**

*Ceasefire*

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On 27 October campaigners will launch the Global Week of Action with a film screening at City Hall in Johannesburg. It will be followed by a public lie down demonstration in front of Gauteng legislator in central Johannesburg by 100 people including campaigners, ministry representatives, local government, the general public and celebrities including well-known South Africa actors Kenneth Nkosi and Rapulane who starred in the film Tsotsi.

## **Spain**

*Greenpeace Spain*

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As the Spanish Government has already declared a unilateral moratorium and has announced they will sign in Oslo, campaigners will be focusing on public awareness-raising, including the launch of a countdown to Oslo meter on the website and a call to website visitors to sign the People's Treaty. Letters are also being sent by the campaign to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence requesting meetings to discuss Spain's delegation to Oslo encouraging attendance at Ministerial level, implementation of the moratorium, and provisions for signing and ratifying the treaty.

## **Sudan**

*Sudanese Campaign to Ban Landmines*

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The Sudanese campaign will host a one-day national workshop in Khartoum on 29 October that will bring together the relevant government departments including Foreign Affairs, Defence, Humanitarian Affairs and Justice and Social welfare, civil society, UN agencies, Sudan Red Crescent and ICRC, International NGOs, the media, community leaders and religious leaders. At the workshop representatives from Foreign Affairs and Defence will present papers on their position towards signing the Convention. It is hoped that at the workshop the government will announce its intention to sign the Convention, in this case there will be a press conference. They will also be collecting signatures for the Sudan People's Treaty targeting all the people invited to the workshop to sign as well as the general public.

## **Sweden**

*Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society*

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Campaigners in Sweden are launching a letter sending action targeting Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt as Sweden has not yet announced whether they will sign the Convention in Oslo, favouring instead to wait and see the outcome of the CCW. All CMC campaigners will be asked to take part in the action as well as supporters in Sweden. Campaigners are also continuing their media campaign and in the week will be writing articles and doing interviews.

## **Switzerland**

*CMC, ICBL*

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The CMC and the ICBL will be holding a joint briefing with the government of Lebanon at the UN in Geneva for states from the Middle East and North Africa region.

## **Syria**

*Arab Network for Research on LM & ERW*

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During the Global Week of Action campaigners will meet with the Director of International Organisations and Conventions in the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urge the government to join

international efforts to ban cluster bombs. A meeting has also been arranged with the Secretary General of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (APU) on 29 October to urge the union to encourage Arab states to join these efforts.

## **Tajikistan**

*Harmony of the World*

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The Tajikistan campaign will conduct a round table that will discuss the problem of cluster bombs in detail and all aspects to encourage the government to sign the Convention on 27 October. They will invite key government officials, local and international organisations to the event.

## **Thailand**

*Thai Campaign, JRS, HI, Non Violence International*

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On 2 November there will be a launch of the Thai Ban Bus at a central location in Bangkok. There will also be giant banners and posters around the city and activities and exhibitions for the media and general public, signatures will be collected for the People's Treaty too. From 9 -17 November the Thai Ban Bus will travel from Bangkok to the Laos border, stopping at five universities and many public parks and open areas to present events and to collect signatures for The People's Treaty. The decorated bus and 10 large standing banners will attract Thai citizens young and old to come find out about cluster munitions. Pens, brochures and information on Cluster Munitions will be distributed.

Media awareness through radio interviews and adverts, TV talk shows and media interviews calling on the government of Thailand to sign in Oslo. Campaigners will be handing over the signatures collected from the People's Treaty to the Royal Thai Government. Non Violence International will be sending letters to the Foreign Ministers of the ASEAN States encouraging them to sign the Convention in Oslo.

## **Togo**

*West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Togo*

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On 27 October campaigners will launch banners across Lomé and will be issuing a report on cluster munitions in a Togolese newspaper. On 29 October WANEP will participate in 2 radio shows on Radio Nostalgie. A lobbying effort is in progress to encourage the Council of Ministers to announce which Minister will go to Oslo and sign the Treaty at the end of a Ministerial meeting on 29 October. On 30 October Radio Kanal FM will run a radio programme on cluster bombs and the treaty. On 31 October a national newspaper will publish the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

## **Turkey**

*The Initiative for a Mine-Free Turkey*

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Campaigners will be holding an exhibition with photos and testimonies of cluster munition survivors. Signatures will also be collected for the People's Treaty. There will be "lie down" demonstration against cluster bombs, if the weather permits, to call on Turkey to sign the Convention. A round table meeting with parliamentarians on the Convention is also being planned.

## **Uganda**

*Ugandan Landmine Survivors Association*

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Following the successful Kampala Conference hosted by the government of Uganda where the government announced that they will sign the treaty, campaigning efforts in Uganda during the Global

Week of Action will be aimed at African nations who have not yet committed to sign the Convention. Meetings with embassies will be held to urge more African countries to go to Oslo and sign the Convention. An article will also be printed in a national newspaper.

## **UK**

*Landmine Action*

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A joint meeting co-hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Landmine Eradication Group (APLEG) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Officer, facilitated by Landmine Action, will be held to discuss the ratification of the Convention by the national parliament, and ensuring that the Queen's Speech that is given on 3 December welcomes the Convention and makes it a priority for the legislative agenda for the coming year. The parliamentary meeting will also discuss implementation of the Convention.

Soroptomist activists from across the UK will be organising several actions including petition collections for the People's Treaty and a letter-writing campaign to parliamentarians asking that parliamentarians make sure that the UK government ratifies the Convention quickly. Amnesty International local groups will also be sending letters to parliamentarians to ask that the Convention is ratified quickly.

## **Uruguay**

*ALUDEC*

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Campaigners in Uruguay will be giving out leaflets on the problem of cluster munitions and the new Convention to ban them. They will be distributed to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Interior as well as the parliamentarians in their position as legislators to raise awareness and make sure that Uruguay signs and ratifies the Convention to protect the human rights of victims of cluster bombs. A newspaper that supports the campaign will also run articles.

## **USA**

*Proud Students Against Landmines (PSALM) / West Virginia Campaign to Ban Landmines,*

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Proud Students Against Landmines are working on various projects including: poster making, letter writing, petition drives for the People's Treaty petition, awareness days and presentations for religious and community organizations calling on all governments to sign the treaty and ban cluster bombs

*Postcard from Lebanon*

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Jocelyn Ajami is screening a film she made called 'Postcard From Lebanon' about the cluster bombing of Lebanon in 2006. The film screenings are followed by a discussion on the humanitarian harm cluster bombs cause, the new Convention and the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act which US campaigners are asking Senators to co-sponsor.

## **Vietnam**

*Landmine Survivors Network Vietnam, Norwegian People's Aid, Project RENEW, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund,*

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Campaigners in Vietnam will be participating in National workshop on the Convention on Cluster Munitions hosted by the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and supported by the coalition of civil society organisations in Vietnam. The national workshop will invite Ministries representatives,

provincial representatives, UNDP and diplomats, international experts, and international representatives of the CMC. Campaigners will be giving a presentation on the "on-going non-state efforts to support Vietnamese UXO victims". A workshop in Ho Chi Minh City will be organised by campaigners the following week for media and the public as well as governmental representatives based in Ho Chi Minh City.

## **Zambia**

*Network of African Peacebuilders (NAPS)*

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During the Global Week of Action a one day workshop will be held for journalists and community meetings will be held to discuss peace-building issues and will include a discussion on cluster munitions and the Convention that will be signed in Oslo.