



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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29 September 2008

Excellency,

I thank you for your letter of 9 September 2008, in which you extended an invitation for me to attend on 3 December 2008 in Oslo, the Signing Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which will be entrusted to the care of the United Nations.

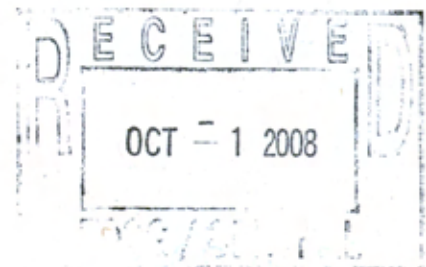
Much to my regret, I have to inform you that I will be unable to participate in the event, owing to scheduling reasons. However, given the significance of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, I have asked my High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte, to represent me at the Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Ki Moon Ban*  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Jens Stoltenberg  
Prime Minister of Norway  
Oslo

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MESSAGE ON THE ADOPTION  
OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS  
Dublin, 30 May 2008

I am delighted that the strong calls to address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions have been answered with the adoption today of this new Convention. I welcome this successful outcome of the Dublin Diplomatic Conference, and congratulate everyone who contributed to the process.

A broad-based coalition of States, international organizations and civil society has brought about a new international standard that will enhance the protection of civilians, strengthen human rights and improve prospects for development.

As Secretary-General of the United Nations, I am honoured to accept depositary functions under the Convention. In addition, the entire United Nations system stands ready to support and assist State Parties in implementing their treaty obligations. I therefore encourage States to sign and ratify this important agreement without delay, and I look forward to its rapid entry into force.



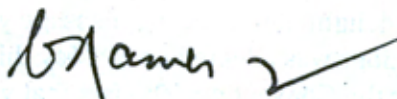
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Note to Mr. Duarte

**Convention on Cluster Munitions**

Thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the Signing Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, scheduled to take place in Oslo on 3 December 2008.

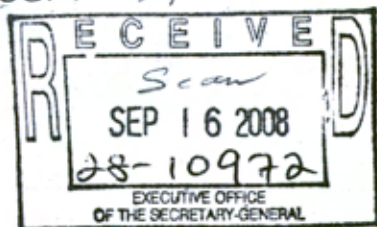
Please find attached the relevant correspondence.



Vijay Nambiar  
29 September 2008



THE PRIME MINISTER



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Oslo, 9 September 2008

Dear Mr Secretary-General

I was delighted to read the message you issued when the Convention on Cluster Munitions was adopted on 30 May this year, in which you accepted depositary functions under the Convention. The fact that you have urged States to sign and ratify the Convention without delay and your assurance that the United Nations system will provide assistance and support to States Parties in implementing their treaty obligations are also of invaluable importance. It is therefore a great honour for me to invite you to be present at the Signing Conference to receive the signed Convention into your care on behalf of the United Nations.

All Member States of the United Nations and relevant UN organisations are invited to Oslo on 2-4 December 2008 for the Signing Conference. This will be a historic event that marks the end of a successful diplomatic disarmament process and the beginning of the crucial implementation phase. Under your able leadership, the UN played a central role in achieving such a positive outcome of the negotiations. We hope that the Convention will be signed by a large number of States, and that States that are not able to sign at the conference will nevertheless join us in Oslo to celebrate the spirit and purpose of the new Convention.

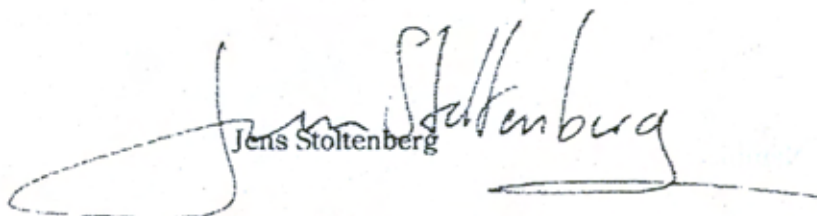
We are also pleased that representatives of humanitarian organisations and civil society, the Cluster Munition Coalition and the International Committee of the Red Cross will be joining us in Oslo.

HE Mr Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York

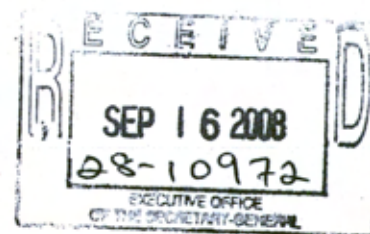


The Convention on Cluster Munitions will be signed in Oslo City Hall on 3 December. The UN Treaty Section, in its capacity as Full Powers Committee, will be present to oversee the signing of the new Convention and to ensure adherence to proper procedure and protocol.

Yours sincerely

  
Jens Stoltenberg

Details of the programme will be posted and updated on the following website in the coming weeks: [www.osloccm.no](http://www.osloccm.no)

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Your ref.:

Our ref.:

Date:

15 September 2008

Dear Mr. Nambiar,

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter dated 9 September 2008 from H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway, in which he extends an invitation to the Secretary-General to attend the upcoming Signing Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo 2-4 December 2008, and to receive the signed Convention on behalf of the United Nations. The letter in original will follow.

Yours sincerely,

  
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