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HRW Report Release and Press Conference

Flooding South Lebanon: Israel's Use of Cluster Munitions in Lebanon in July and August 2006. 131 pp.

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Released just before the opening of a major diplomatic conference in Wellington, New Zealand aimed at a new international treaty banning cluster munitions, this report concludes that Israel's massive, indiscriminate and disproportionate use of cluster munitions throughout southern Lebanon in the 2006 conflict with Hezbollah constituted a serious violation of international humanitarian law. The report contains the most comprehensive details available about Israel's use of cluster munitions, and their devastating human and socio-economic impact, which continues to this day. The report comes on heels of a second Israel Defense Force finding that its use of cluster munitions was lawful, and a subsequent recommendation from an official Israeli commission (the Winograd Commission) that Israel conduct a further inquiry into possible laws of war violations.

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