

# A CALL FROM PEOPLE OF FAITH TO BAN CLUSTER BOMBS NOW.

In one month's time, governments from around the world will meet to negotiate a total ban on cluster bombs, weapons that pose unacceptable harm to civilians. As people of faith, we raise our voices for the protection of life and the promotion of peace by calling on all governments, and especially New Zealand, to secure the strongest possible prohibition on the production, transfer, stockpiling, and use of cluster bombs.

Cluster bombs or munitions are large weapons that release dozens or hundreds of smaller bomblets. Dropped from the air or launched from the ground, they maim and kill combatants and civilians alike. Many bomblets fail to explode on impact as designed and instead can remain active (like landmines) for decades, endangering lives, hampering post-conflict reconstruction, and hindering development.

Cluster bombs have killed and maimed civilians and caused untold suffering and hardship for communities in more than

twenty countries, most recently Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Serbia.

People whose lives have already been shattered by cluster bombs call on us to take meaningful and courageous action. Our faith traditions call us to stand with those who have suffered, and to work for the well-being of the human family through relationships of respect, justice, and peace.

We commend New Zealand and more than eighty other governments that have endorsed the Wellington Declaration, committing to negotiate a comprehensive ban on cluster bombs in Dublin, Ireland starting 19 May 2008. All governments must now strive to adopt the strongest possible agreement that not only bans this weapon, but also offers help to those harmed by its use.

We urge all the world's governments to seize this opportunity to protect the vulnerable and to promote peace - now, and for future generations.

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