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Ambassador Chum Sounry
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RE: 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions

Dear Ambassador Sounry:

Warm greetings from the Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition (ANZCMC). I am writing on behalf of the ANZCMC to urge the Royal Government of Cambodia to renounce cluster bombs and sign the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions.

This crucial Convention will take effect internationally on 1 August 2010. It comprehensively prohibits cluster munitions, requires destruction of stockpiled cluster munitions within eight years and clearance of contaminated land within 10 years, and recognises the rights of individuals and communities affected by the weapon to receive assistance.

Since December 2008, a total of 106 governments have signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions including stockpilers, former users and producers of the weapon, and most countries contaminated by cluster munition remnants. The New Zealand government is a strong proponent of the cluster munition ban and, together with the ANZCMC, promotes universalization of the Convention. Unfortunately Cambodia has not yet joined the Convention despite suffering from the impact of cluster munition remnants.

We therefore call on Cambodia to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions as soon as possible. We also call on Cambodia to attend the Convention's First Meeting of States Parties (1MSP), to be held in Vientiane, Lao PDR from 8-12 November 2010.

Sincerely,

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