Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) which entered into force on 1 August 2010.

You will recall that Article 11 (1) of the Convention provides for regular meetings of the States Parties in order to consider and, where necessary, take decisions in respect of any matter with regard to the application or implementation of the Convention. Pursuant to this article and the decision taken by the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (Lusaka, Zambia, 10-13 September 2013), an up to four days Fifth Meeting of States Parties will be held during the first week of September 2014 in San Jose, Costa Rica (paragraph 38 of the Final document of the Fourth Meeting, as contained in CCM/MSP/2013/6).

You will also recall that the General Assembly of the United Nations, through its resolution 63/71, dated 2 December 2008, requested the Secretary General “to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention on Cluster Munitions”. In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General is taking all steps necessary to convene the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention from 2 to 5 September 2014 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I am pleased to invite your Organization to attend the Fifth Meeting as an observer.
The details of delegations to the Meeting should be submitted by Friday, 15 August 2014, to the Secretary-General of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

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Further information on the arrangements for the meeting will be communicated by the Secretariat in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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