



CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

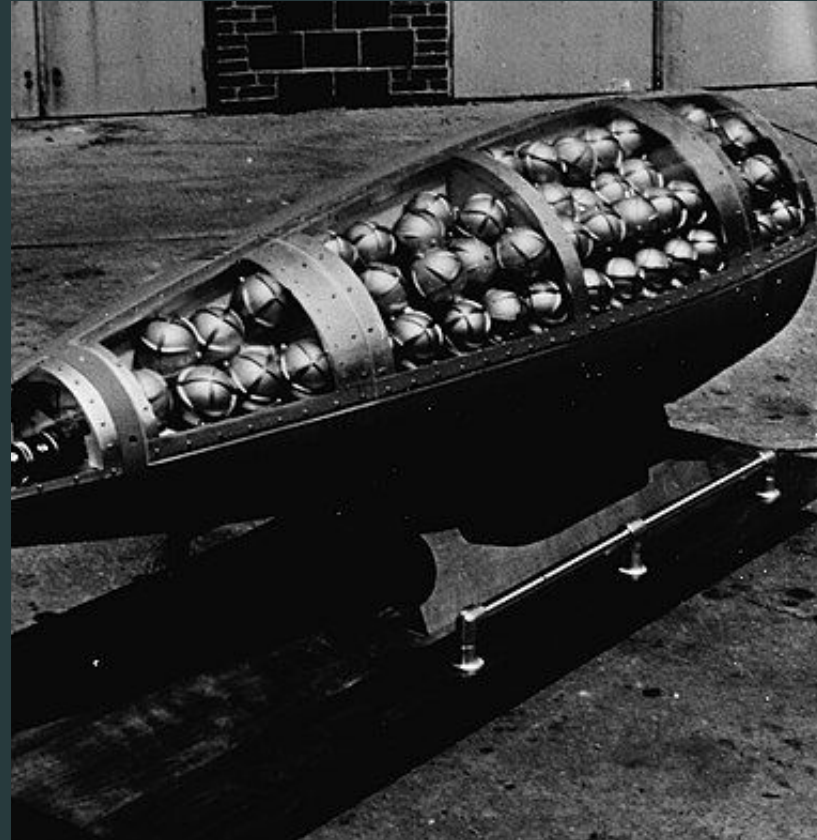
**Cluster bombs can harm
Ukrainians long after the
shelling has stopped**



Buildings in the village of Pavlivka, in northwestern Ukraine, destroyed by shelling. (Photo: Official Twitter-page of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine)

WHAT ARE CLUSTER MUNITIONS?

- Air-dropped or ground-launched **explosive weapon**
- Scatters **numerous** explosive submunitions over very large areas



CLUSTER MUNITIONS VS. CONVENTIONAL BOMB

Cluster Bombs	Conventional Bombs
Many small bomblets	Singular explosive
Detonates over wide area	Detonates in one place
High likelihood of unexploded remnants	Low likelihood of unexploded remnants
Long-term risk	Immediate risk



RESEARCH QUESTION

How have the unexploded ordnance from cluster munitions caused unintended destruction? How has the Convention on Cluster Munitions tried to limit their harm?



STORY

*“They cannot live in **safety** until contaminated areas in and around their homes and fields are **identified and cleared of deadly cluster bomb submission and other unexploded ordnance.**”*

16 civilians injured or killed, days, weeks, and months **after** bombs were dropped

Yemen: Children among civilians killed and maimed in cluster bomb ‘minefields’



Explosive Remnants of War in the garden of the Yemen Executive Mine Action Center (YEMAC) in Hayran © Amnesty International



CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

Goal

To prohibit the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of cluster munitions. To eliminate the humanitarian suffering and long-term dangers caused by cluster munitions.

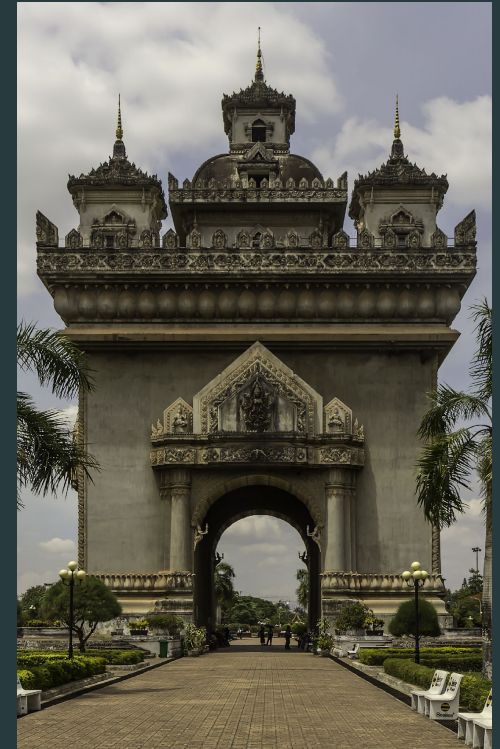


VIENTIANE ACTION PLAN

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- Promote clearance of contaminated land
- Ensure destruction of stockpiles
- Increase international cooperation and assistance

Importance: First formal action plan, allowed for implementation and accountability



DUBROVNIK ACTION PLAN

02

- Encourage more countries to join the convention
- Ensure destruction of existing cluster munitions
- Secure sustainable funding for clearance

Importance: The transition from law to action, creating momentum



LAUSANNE ACTION PLAN

03


- Get more states to join convention
- Complete clearance and stockpile destruction

Importance: Reinforce focus due to slow progress and missed deadlines





WORLDBUILDING

- Learning about cluster munitions helps me understand the pros and cons of this type of explosive
 - This will help me determine which weapon will be most effective in fighting malications within our world
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THANK YOU