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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (hereinafter the Convention) and to resolution 70/54 entitled “Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions”, adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2015.

By operative paragraph 7 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to convene the Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to continue to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention and the relevant decisions of the First Review Conference.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the First Review Conference of the Convention (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 7 to 11 September 2015), the venue of the Sixth Meeting of States Parties will be Geneva and the date and duration of the Meeting will be announced in early 2016 (paragraph 33 of the Final document of the First Review Conference, as contained in CCM/CONF/2015/7).

Against this background, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions from 5 to 7 September 2016 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, and to invite the participation of all States Parties to the Convention. The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Sixth Meeting as Observers.

The Secretary-General wishes to remind that, in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention, “the costs of the Meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States parties and States not party to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately”.

The details of delegations to the Sixth Meeting should be submitted by **Friday, 19 August 2016**, to the Secretary of the Sixth 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 to the Permanent Missions by the Secretariat of the Sixth Meeting of States Parties in due course.

Attention is also drawn to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution, which urges all States parties to provide the Secretary-General with the information required under article 7 of the Convention (paragraph 4) and invites all States that have not ratified the Convention or acceded to it to provide, on a voluntary basis, information that could make the clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and related activities more effective (paragraph 5). This information should be directed to the Office for Disarmament Affairs at the address indicated above no later than **Friday, 29 April 2016**.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

26 February 2016

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