



AGENDA

STOP BOMBING TOWNS AND CITIES

International campaign conference on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA)

31 August 2017, 09.30 – 18.00

Impact Hub Geneva, Grand Salon, Rue Fendt 1, Geneva

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 – 10.10	Opening - Laura Boillot & Richard Moyes, INEW
10.10 – 10.15	An update on key findings – Iain Overton, Action on Armed Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key data on civilian harm from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA)
10.15 – 11.00	Plenary 1: Explosive weapons: characteristics and effects This session will look at the characteristics and effects of explosive weapons and identify some common types. It will look at why explosive weapons with wide area effects present a particularly high risk to civilians, and as such, are inappropriate for use in populated areas.
15 mins	Presentation: Roos Boer, PAX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are “explosive weapons” and what are some of the most common types? How do they function? How do we understand explosive weapons with wide area effects and what are the concerns over their use in populated areas? How are ‘area effects’ already recognised in military practice as a key determinant of the risk presented to civilians?
10 mins	Case study: Mosul, Iraq – Mark Hiznay, Human Rights Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What explosive weapons were used in Mosul, and what was the impact on the city and its population?
20 mins	Q&A: Richard Moyes, Article 36
11.15 – 12.00	Plenary 2: Humanitarian harm from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas This session will look at the impacts of explosive weapons on the human body, and examine the impact that explosive weapon use has in towns and cities on affected communities, even after a conflict ends.

15 mins	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta, Handicap International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do explosive weapons harm the human body? What is the impact on mental health? • What are the long-term reverberating effects resulting from the use of EWIPA, on infrastructure and essential services? • How is the use of explosive weapons in populated areas a trigger for displacement? 	
10 mins	<p><u>Case study:</u> Ukraine – Bonnie Docherty, Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What explosive weapons were used in Ukraine since 2014? What were the direct and indirect impacts on the health care system, and what were the consequences for patient care? 	
20 mins	<p><u>Q&A:</u> Richard Moyes, Article 36</p>	
12.15 – 13.00	<p>Plenary 3: Efforts to address the harm</p> <p>This session will explain the aims of INEW and the work that has been carried out at the political level to recognise the harm from EWIPA, and start to address it. It will explain INEW's vision of an international political declaration on explosive weapons.</p>	
15 mins	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Laura Boillot, INEW Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is INEW and what is it calling on states and other actors to do? • What progress has been made by states and international organisations to recognise and start to address harm from EWIPA? • How can an international declaration be developed as a tool to restrict use of EWIPA and protect civilians experiencing conflict? 	
10 mins	<p><u>Case study:</u> Military policy and practice, Simon Bagshaw, OCHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What examples are there of militaries developing policy and practice to constrain use of explosive weapons in populated areas to better protect civilians? 	
20 mins	<p><u>Q&A:</u> Richard Moyes, Article 36</p>	
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH	
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Workshop 1. National advocacy and parliamentary action (<i>grand salon</i>)</p> <p>This session will look at actions that can be taken at the national level towards building support for an international political declaration on explosive weapons.</p>	<p>Workshop 2. Global actions and communications (<i>petit salon</i>)</p> <p>This session will look at how we can communicate effectively on the harm from EWIPA and opportunities to do this in order to push for action from states.</p>
1 hour	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Christian Ruge and Taslidžan Al-Osta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are we asking governments to do? What can parliamentarians do? - What are the key policy messages? - What sceptical questions do we frequently hear from states? How can we respond? - What actions and activities can we hold at the national level? - What tools are there, and what 	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Richard Moyes & Hugo van Halder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What opportunities are there for INEW to raise the profile of this issue to influence states? Incl. international governmental meetings and discussions, planned campaign actions, responding to conflicts and instances of use etc. - What public messaging can we use to communicate on this issue?

	additional materials would be of use?	- What media coverage should we seek to get, how and when?
15.15 – 16.15	<p>Workshop 3. Operationalizing a commitment on explosive weapons (<i>grand salon</i>)</p> <p>This session will look at why an international political declaration could be an effective tool to respond to the harm from EWIPA, and how it fits with existing law.</p>	<p>Workshop 4. Documenting the harm from explosive weapons (<i>petit salon</i>)</p> <p>This session will look at how organisations can document and report on instances of harm from EWIPA in their organisational communications.</p>
1 hour	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Maya Brehm and Roos Boer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does a political declaration fit with international law? - What added value does a declaration have? - What core commitments are needed to provide an effective tool to respond to the harm from EWIPA? - How can it work in practice, incl. for the benefit of affected communities? - How can militaries and other armed actors, including non-state actors implement it? 	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Mark Hiznay and Bonnie Docherty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can organisations respond to use of and harm from EWIPA in their communications? - What key data and information is gathered in field research to document the use and harm from explosive weapons use in populated areas? - How can organisations report on barrel bombs, and other specific weapon types to recognise the pattern of harm from EWIPA (and why is this useful)?
16.15 – 16.45	COFFEE BREAK	
16.45 – 18.00	Wrap up session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from workshops - Addressing any other issues arising? - What's next? - Close of meeting 	