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The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its 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.

The Secretary-General has the honour to convene the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions from 2 to 4 September 2019 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 Ninth Meeting of States Parties as Observers.

Please note 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 Ninth Meeting should be submitted by Friday, 16 August 2019, to the Secretary of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, at the following address:

Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch United Nations Office at Geneva Palais des Nations, room C.117 CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland

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Further information on the arrangements for the Meeting will be communicated to the Permanent Missions by the Secretariat of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties in due course.

Please note that operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 73/54, adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2018, urges all States parties to provide the Secretary-General with complete and timely information as required under article 7 of the Convention in order to promote transparency and compliance with the Convention. This information should be directed to the Office for Disarmament Affairs at the address indicated above no later than 30 April 2019.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

20 March 2019