



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments International Network on Explosive Weapons 2019

Individual commitments



Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
In 2016 organisations of the International Network on Explosive Weapons will develop strategic thematic partnerships to increase awareness on the impact of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, for example with organisations specialised on the issue of displacement, in order to increase understanding and acknowledgement of this practice as a key driver of displacement.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199001
International Network on Explosive Weapons organisations will continue to collect data and document the humanitarian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, particularly on civilians, and will publish a range of reports and papers on this theme throughout 2016, and beyond.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199002
International Network on Explosive Weapons organisations will continue to work to respond to the needs of populations affected by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas through food, shelter, child protection, water, sanitation and health, psychological interventions, education to the risks posed by explosive remnants of war, clearance and victim assistance. Through this response, INEW organisations will document the harm caused by this practice and bring that evidence to the work towards a political declaration.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199003

Organisations of the International Network on Explosive Weapons will continue to develop public policy, advocacy and research reports and briefings on the issue of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199005
The International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) will continue to engage with other stakeholders in the work towards a political declaration on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. This includes with UN agencies in particular OCHA, UNDP, UNICEF, and UNHCR, and specifically through follow-up on the joint INEW/OCHA joint letter to fourteen humanitarian leaders.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199006
The International Network on Explosive Weapons will provide expertise and brief states through presentations at key forums on the humanitarian harm from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, such as expert meetings on the humanitarian impact of explosive weapons.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199007
The International Network on Explosive Weapons will provide policy and advocacy recommendations in response to on-going crises resulting from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, including through press releases, situation reports, and national and international media work.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199008

<p>The International Network on Explosive Weapons will advocate at the national, regional, and international levels on this issue, raising awareness of the harm caused from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and need for a political declaration to prevent such harm and in particular to end the use of explosive weapons with wide area effect in populated areas, through outreach to government representatives, parliamentarians and media. International outreach will take place annually in a variety of forums, including at the UN General Assembly's First Committee on Disarmament and International Security and around the UN Security Council's open debates on the protection of civilians and children and armed conflict. National outreach will be carried out through capital level advocacy missions by member organisations.</p>	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199009
<p>The International Network on Explosive Weapons will deliver public statements on the civilian harm caused by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas in international forums such as the UN General Assembly's First Committee on Disarmament and International Security (annually), and side events at related disarmament meetings (for example meetings on the Convention on Cluster Munitions and/or the Mine Ban Treaty), and convene states on the margins of relevant international forums to hold briefings on this theme.</p>	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199010
<p>The International Network on Explosive Weapons will develop policy and advocacy tools available for member organisations, other civil society organisations, and other partners to use to influence stakeholders towards the development of a political declaration.</p>	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199011

The International Network on Explosive Weapons will hold bilateral meetings with states on the issue of the use of explosive weapons with wide area impacts and the need for a political declaration to address this harm.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199013
The International Network on Explosive Weapons will proactively advocate to advance of key international policy forums which provide opportunities for states to publicly raise concern over the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. This includes continuing to draft and disseminate briefing notes in advance of Protection of Civilians debates and Children and Armed Conflict debates each year (for example in advance of the Children and Armed Conflict debate set to take place in August 2016).	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199014

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

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International Network on Explosive Weapons organisations will highlight the harm caused to medical personnel, transports and facilities, and humanitarian relief personnel and assets through policy reports, advocacy calls and recommendations, and in public statements throughout 2016 and 2017.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	199004

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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<p>The International Network on Explosive Weapons will grow its membership of civil society organisations through outreach to organisations in target countries, such as those impacted by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and to those working on key related issue areas such as displacement, human rights, and development organisations.</p>	<p>Partnership</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>	<p>199012</p>
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Core Commitments

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.