



Santiago Regional Conference on the Universalization of the CCM
12-13 December 2013

The Santiago Regional Workshop on Cluster Munitions, towards the establishment of a cluster munitions free zone in Latin America and the Caribbean, took place in Santiago, Chile, from 12 to 13 December 2013.

This Regional Workshop was hosted and organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and supported by the UNDP.

Representatives from 24 Latin American and Caribbean states met to seek the establishment of a cluster-munitions free zone in Latin America and the Caribbean. States agreed to work together against cluster munitions to contribute to the global efforts to eradicate this banned weapon. Cluster Munition Coalition campaigners attending the meeting called on states to universalize and implement the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions as a means to this end.

States attending the Santiago Regional Workshop on Cluster Munitions adopted the 'Santiago Declaration' at the meeting, which sets out the need for "joint action to ensure the protection of civilians through the prohibition and total eradication of cluster munitions." Elements of a regional Action Plan for a cluster munition free zone in Latin America and the Caribbean were developed, with an aim to finalize and implement it ahead of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munition in Costa Rica in September 2014.

MundoChile participated in this important meeting, providing its professional simultaneous interpretation services in English and Spanish, and receiving congratulations and positive feedback from the highest representatives and organizers of this workshop.