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MEDIA ADVISORY

CLUSTER BOMB BAN TO BECOME LAW ON 1 AUGUST 2010

Wellington event features drumming session, film preview

On Sunday August 1st, the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions will take effect, becoming binding international law in New Zealand and around the world. Starting in New Zealand, this historic day will be marked with events around the world to beat the drum and welcome the arrival of the international ban on cluster bombs.

Wellington Event

- WHEN** 12.00pm local time (00.00 GMT), Sunday 1 August 2010
Drumming starts at 12.00pm, Film Screening at 1.00pm
- WHERE** Capital E Theater, Civic Square, Wellington
If fine weather, the drumming session will take place in Civic Square
- WHO** Hosted by the Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition (ANZCMC), a campaign of 23 non-governmental organizations, this celebratory event is open to everyone. Kids are especially welcome!
- WHAT** 12.00pm: Drumming Session
1.00pm: Film Screening - Special preview screening of a new 20-minute film on New Zealand's role in the banning of cluster bombs
- WHY** On 1 August 2010, the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions formally enters into force and all its provisions become fully and legally binding on all countries that have joined, including New Zealand.
- TIMING** By starting at 12.00pm local time or 00.00 GMT, Wellington will be first in a series of dozens of events to take place around the world on August 1st.

For more information,

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- See the Facebook event listing: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=133990589968462>
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