

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0110/08/rev.1

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

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Subject: Convention on Cluster munitions needs to come into effect before the end of 2008

In Dublin, at the end of the international meeting of States held on 19-30 May 2008, 107 States adopted the Convention on Cluster munitions, which bans the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of this class of weaponry. The Convention will be opened for signature on 3 December 2008, in Oslo. It will enter into force six months after 30 States have deposited their instruments of ratification with the UN Secretary General. The recent use of this type of weapon during the Georgia crisis demonstrates once more the urgent need to establish this Convention.

What steps has the Council taken to convince all States - in particular those who are Member States of the European Union - to sign, ratify and immediately implement the Convention on Cluster munitions?

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