



Recommendation 1871 (2009)¹

Ban on cluster munitions

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1668 \(2009\)](#) on the ban on cluster munitions and recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

- 1.1. forward this resolution to the governments of member states, and request them to take it into account when raising the issue of the ban on cluster munitions in their country;
- 1.2. support actively and publicly – possibly in a declaration – the campaign for ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and invite all member and observer states, if they have not already done so, to immediately sign and ratify this convention without further delay, particularly the military powers that are major producers and exporters of cluster munitions, in order to set a good example for their neighbours;
- 1.3. until such time that states become parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, invite them to sign and ratify Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (28 November 2003) to the United Nations Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, as it provides at least a partial response to the problem of cluster munitions by alleviating the danger to civilians when these weapons have been used.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 29 May 2009 (see [Doc. 11909](#), report of the Political Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Pflug; [Doc. 11925](#), opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Haibach; and [Doc. 11929](#), opinion of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, rapporteur: Mrs Curtis-Thomas).*

