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Strengthening The Protection Of Civilians From Explosive Weapons

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12:00 – 18:00, arrival from 11:00

Sheraton San Jose Hotel, Costa Rica

350 metros Oeste Multiplaza, 27, San José Province, San José, 10203, Costa Rica

Description: All delegates are kindly invited to the Protection Forum, organized by civil society. This day is dedicated to setting the scene, giving voices to people affected by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and connect the current problems with solutions. Session descriptions below are subject to change. Please register for the Forum on Indico where you register for the official conference.

Agenda

11:00–12:00 Arrival, registration, coffee and snacks

12:00–12:15 **Opening of the Protection Forum**

12:15–13:45 **Session 1: Civilian harm and current contexts**

- This session will look at the current state of play in relation to both harms and action to address these. We will discuss direct experiences of harm in current contexts, e.g. Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, or post-conflict impact in Syria.

13:45–14:15 **Coffee break**

14:15–15:45 **Session 2: Turning commitment into action**

- The second session will discuss problems of explosive weapons with wide area effects and why such use should be avoided but also discuss humanitarian access in the context of ongoing bombardment, overlapping vulnerabilities, medical care and tracking civilian casualties in military operations.

15:45–16:00 **Short break**

16:00–17:30 **Session 3: Setting new norms and standards**

- Finally, we will look at how to uphold and grow the normative power of the declaration and what successful examples exist to get breakthroughs or make small steps. How can civil society, affected communities, and frontline responders lead the narrative with humanitarian storytelling, and why broad geographic ownership matters.

17:30–18:00 **Closing session**