

## 5MSP Media Review 1-5 September, 2014

### Summary

The Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions was reported on in at least three major languages, English, French and Spanish, with the widest coverage by far in Spanish.

Three global wire services – AFP, AP and EFE covered event highlights such as the opening ceremony and the CMC organized press conference, including interviews with campaigners and survivors as well as the CMC Director. Latin America news outlet Telesur produced at least one television package on the conference and outcomes of the week.

Notably, there was no visible coverage of the event in either German press – which traditionally picks up English language CMC press releases – or in the Lusophone press, though a Portuguese language copy of the opening release was provided. In spite of the limited international press corps in Costa Rica however and the fact the country is not affected by cluster munitions, coverage by Spanish language wire service EFE ensured news of the event was widely circulated by a range of South and Central American media.

### English

New York Times – Militants Add Cluster Bombing to Tactics, Rights Group Says – 1 September  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/02/world/middleeast/militants-add-cluster-bombing-to-tactics-rights-group-says.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/02/world/middleeast/militants-add-cluster-bombing-to-tactics-rights-group-says.html?_r=1)

iloubhan – Evidence of Islamic State Cluster Munition Use in Syria – 1 September  
<http://www.iloubnan.info/politics/82574/Evidence-of-Islamic-State-cluster-munition-use-in-Syria-sthash.oGSv8y88.dpuf>

Latin American Herald Tribune - International Meeting on Banning Cluster Weapons Opens in Costa Rica – 3 September  
<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2350601&CategoryId=23558>

The screenshot shows the website for the Latin American Herald Tribune. The header includes the site's name in a stylized font, the location 'Caracas, Monday, September 29, 2014', and a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, Who's Who, Contacts, and Help. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a headline: 'International Meeting on Banning Cluster Weapons Opens in Costa Rica'. Below the headline is a photograph of President Luis Guillermo Solís speaking at a podium. The text of the article begins with 'SAN JOSE – Costa Rican President Luis Guillermo Solís has opened an international conference on so-called "cluster weapons" and called for a ban on the munitions which are of particular danger to civilians caught in conflict zones. In his speech on Monday, Solís emphasized the need to raise the voices of those opposed to the weapons and "move from protest to action and go forward without delay" in the elimination of cluster bombs.'

AFP - Central America is world's first cluster bomb-free region – 3 September  
<http://tuoitrenews.vn/international/22110/central-america-is-world-s-first-c>

Tico Times - Central America is world's first cluster bomb-free region, says Costa Rica official – September 3  
<http://www.ticotimes.net/2014/09/03/central-america-is-worlds-first-cluster-bomb-free-region-says-costa-rica-official>

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## Central America is world's first cluster bomb-free region, says Costa Rica official

AFP | SEPTEMBER 3

Rian Novosti - Central America Becomes First Region Free of Cluster Munitions - 3 September -  
<http://en.ria.ru/world/20140903/192587850/Central-America-Becomes-First-Region-Free-of-Cluster-Munitions.html>

Kansas City infoZine - Human Rights Watch Calls for National Cluster Munitions Ban Laws - 4 September  
<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/59838/>

Telesur – Central America First Region Free of Cluster Munitions - 4 September  
<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Central-America-First-Region-Free-of-Cluster-Munitions-20140904-0063.html>

Vietnamnet - With bombs in mind, another kind of surprise - 5 September  
<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/society/111251/with-bombs-in-mind--another-kind-of-surprise.html>

### French

Le Figaro - L'Amérique centrale, 1ère région à rejeter les bombes à fragmentation– 2 September  
<http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2014/09/02/97001-20140902FILWWW00412-mines-antipersonnel-l-amer-centrale-dit-non.php>

**Note: Corrected story and headline republished immediately after erroneous title filed.**

AgenceFreePress - Interview de Sarah Blackmore - Nous lançons un appel vibrant à tous les Etats afin qu'ils dénoncent et condamnent avec la plus grande fermeté l'utilisation actuelle des armes à sous-munitions – 3 September  
<http://www.afreepress.info/index.php/last-24h-news/5049-interview-de-sarah-blackmore---nous-lancons-un-appel-vibrant-a-tous-les-etats-afin-quils-denoncent-et-condamnent-avec-la-plus-grande-fermete-lutilisation-actuelle-des-armes-a-sous-munitions->

20 Minutes - Sept pays rejettent les mines antipersonnel - 8 September  
<http://www.20min.ch/ro/news/monde/story/Sept-pays-rejettent-les-mines-antipersonnel-11314088>

**Note: Correction to title filed with Agence Telegraphe Suisse**

## Spanish

E&N - Centroamérica quiere ser primera región libre de bombas de racimo – 18 August

<http://www.estrategiaynegocios.net/centroamericaymundo/739267-330/centroamerica-no-quiere-bombas-de-racimo>

EFE – Costa Rica reitera su compromiso para erradicar las municiones en racimo – 18 August

[http://mexico.servidornoticias.com/187\\_america/2670027\\_costa-rica-reitera-su-compromiso-para-erradicar-las-municiones-en-racimo.html](http://mexico.servidornoticias.com/187_america/2670027_costa-rica-reitera-su-compromiso-para-erradicar-las-municiones-en-racimo.html)

AFP - Centroamérica quiere ser primera región libre de bombas de racimo – 19 August

[http://www.prensalibre.com/internacional/centroamerica-primera\\_region-bombas\\_de\\_racimo\\_0\\_1195680623.html](http://www.prensalibre.com/internacional/centroamerica-primera_region-bombas_de_racimo_0_1195680623.html)

Teletica - Reunión internacional en Costa Rica promueve la eliminación de las bombas en racimo – 1 September

<http://www.teletica.com/noticias/64098-reunion-internacional-en-costa-rica-promueve-la-eliminacion-de-las-bombas-en-racimo.note.aspx>

periodistasenespagnon - Convención sobre bombas de racimo en Costa Rica\_– 2 September

<http://periodistas-es.com/convencion-sobre-bombas-de-racimo-en-costa-rica-40351>

Radio Interconomía – Reunion Internacional Promueve La Eliminacion de las bombas en racimo – 2

September <http://www.radiointereconomia.com/2014/09/02/reunion-internacional-promueve-la-eliminacion-de-las-bombas-en-racimo/>

EFE - Una reunión internacional en Costa Rica promueve la eliminación de las bombas racimo – 2 September

[http://noticias.lainformacion.com/disturbios-conflictos-y-guerra/armas/una-reunion-internacional-en-costa-rica-promueve-la-eliminacion-de-las-bombas-racimo\\_jhZ90PFXOCMFIIM3JksR44/](http://noticias.lainformacion.com/disturbios-conflictos-y-guerra/armas/una-reunion-internacional-en-costa-rica-promueve-la-eliminacion-de-las-bombas-racimo_jhZ90PFXOCMFIIM3JksR44/)

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El Universal - Centroamérica se declara primera región libre de bombas de racimo – 2 September

<http://www.eluniversal.com/internacional/140902/centroamerica-se-declara-primera-region-libre-de-bombas-de-racimo>

El Heraldo - Honduras libre de bombas de racimo – 2 September [http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/743978-](http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/743978-331/honduras-libre-de-bombas-de-racimo)

[331/honduras-libre-de-bombas-de-racimo](http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/743978-331/honduras-libre-de-bombas-de-racimo)

Correo - 84 países promueven eliminación de bombas en racimo que han matado a 100 mil inocentes -2

September <http://diariocorreo.pe/ultimas/noticias/10788852/mundo/84-paises-promueven-eliminacion-de-bombas-en>

HispanTV - Centro America, primera región del mundo sin bombas de racimo - 3 September 2014

<http://www.hispanTV.com/detail/2014/09/03/287249/centroamerica-primera-region-mundo-bombas-racimo>

Prensa Libre - Llamam desde Costa Rica a cooperar con afectados por bombas de racimo - 5 September

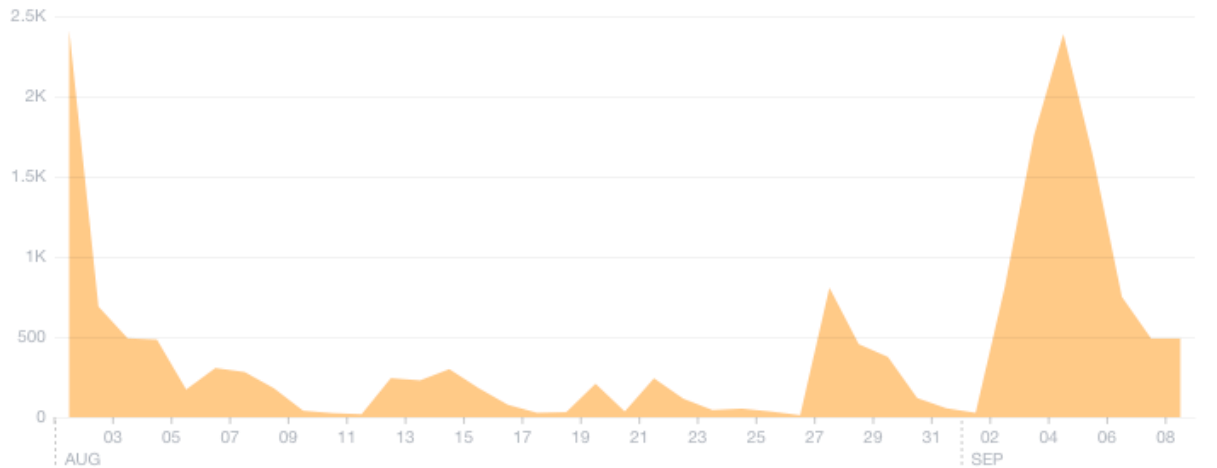
[http://www.prensa-latina.cu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&idioma=1&id=3055621&Itemid=1](http://www.prensa-latina.cu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&idioma=1&id=3055621&Itemid=1)

EFE - Reunión sobre municiones de racimo concluye con "avances" y ratificaciones – 5 September

<http://www.entornointeligente.com/articulo/3388974/Reunion-sobre-municiones-de-racimo-concluye-con-avances-y-ratificaciones>


## Facebook


Traffic on the CMC Facebook was strong from 1 August to 5 September, with daily reach peaks of 2,400 users on 1 August and 4 September, and an average daily reach of some 700 users from 25 August until 5 September.




## Twitter


- There were 358 tweets sent out on the @banclusterbombs account from 1 September to 5 September.
- 287 or 80.17% of tweets were retweeted, for a total of 846 times. The tweets most retweeted included





**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 2:25 am via Twitter Web Client 

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"It's been a great day for humanitarian disarmament" - #CostaRica says of NZ on #Armstreaty, Belize + Rep. Congo on cluster munitions. #5MSP





**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 5, 2014, 11:26 pm via Twitter Web Client

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President's summary of #5MSP condemns use of #clusterbombs in Syria, South Sudan, Ukraine. Mexico praises the President's effort





**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 1:37 am via Twitter Web Client 

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Signatory Republic of Congo announces that today it deposited its instrument of ratification with @UN in NYC!!! #GoodNews #5MSP





**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 9:13 am via TweetDeck  10 

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The Republic of Congo announced its ratification of #clusterbomb ban @ #5MSP today - [bit.ly/1tspjLL](http://bit.ly/1tspjLL) (En) [bit.ly/1qnizA](http://bit.ly/1qnizA) (Fr)



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 1:29 am via Camera on iOS  10

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Amb Celie Paz Maxim announces that #Belize has today acceded to Convention on Cluster Munitions! #114 #GoodNews #5MSP <http://t.co/BUq0sbtG8q>

## Tweets most favorited included



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 10:25 pm via Twitter Web Client

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Disarmament is path that must be followed to diminish + eliminate harm caused by all weapons. It's not only "arms control" [#CostaRica](#) [#5MSP](#)



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 4, 2014, 3:47 am via Twitter Web Client ↻ 6

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United Kingdom formerly confirms destruction of entire cluster munition stockpile 5 years ahead of deadline [the-monitor.org/index.php/cp/d...](http://the-monitor.org/index.php/cp/d...)



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 2:25 am via Twitter Web Client ↻

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"It's been a great day for humanitarian disarmament" - [#CostaRica](#) says of NZ on [#Armstreaty](#), Belize + Rep. Congo on cluster munitions. [#5MSP](#)



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 2:04 am via Twitter Web Client ↻ 9

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The [@UN](#) confirms receipt of instruments from Belize + Republic of Congo and says the notification will be officially published shortly [#5MSP](#)



**Ban Cluster Bombs @banclusterbombs** September 3, 2014, 4:05 am via Twitter Web Client ↻ 5

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Final speaker today is United Kingdom, which "attaches great importance" to Convention on Cluster Munitions but concerned at new use. [#5MSP](#)