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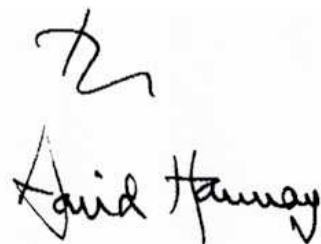
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Dear David,

I wrote to you on 2 April 2008 conveying the resolution adopted at UNA-UK's annual conference calling for the government to support a full ban on cluster munitions. Since then, together with a number of colleagues in the Cluster Munitions Coalition, we brought you a petition similarly calling for a full ban.

The news that agreement has been reached in Dublin on the text of a convention providing for such a ban and that the British government will be party to that convention is therefore very welcome. UNA-UK would like to congratulate you and your colleagues in the government for having reached that decision. We are sure it was the right thing to do.

We hope the British government will now throw its full weight behind efforts to achieve the maximum support for the convention by other governments and the largest possible number of signatories to the convention later in the year. Universal membership must surely be, and remains, the objective.



Lord Hannay of Chiswick
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