



## Media Invitation:

## Launch of the first global report on the harm caused by the use of explosive weapons in populated areas

Montreal, April 18, 2023 - Humanity & Inclusion and its partners in the International Network on Explosive Weapons invite media representatives to an online launch event to mark the release of the first global Explosive Weapons Monitor Report on the human catastrophes of bombing and shelling of cities.

"The Explosive Weapons Monitor Report Launch: Documenting two years of global harm to civilians from the use of explosive weapons" is released six months after the <u>Dublin conference</u>, where 83 states endorsed an international agreement to end the harm and suffering caused to civilians by deadly weapons. The event will feature a panel discussion with key contributors to the report.

Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 Time: 9:30am - 11:00am EST To connect, <u>click here</u> Panelists:

- Laura Boillot (Moderator), Coordinator, International Network on Explosive Weapons Alma Taslidžan, Disarmament & Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager, Humanity & Inclusion
- Chiara Torelli, Explosive Violence Researcher, Action on Armed Violence
- Christina Wille, Director, Insecurity Insight
- Katherine Young, Research & Monitoring Coordinator, Explosive Weapons Monitor

The event will be conducted in English with possible simultaneous interpretation into French.

The global report covers the years 2021 and 2022. It aims to become a monitoring tool for the International Agreement against the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas to urge signatory states to implement concrete measures and non-signatories to join the agreement. It serves as a tool to continue documenting the impact of explosive weapons and to understand how they disrupt the lives of civilians.

## About Humanity & Inclusion

Humanity & Inclusion (HI) is an international organization that has been working for over 40 years with people with disabilities and populations affected by crises, conflicts and disasters. HI shapes a different future for the most vulnerable by meeting their basic needs, improving their living conditions and promoting respect for their dignity and fundamental rights. The organization is present in nearly 60 countries where it carries out projects in inclusive education, rehabilitation, landmines clearance and more. Recognized for its advocacy work, HI is one of the six founding organizations of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), co-winner of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize and winner of the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Award. HI also co-founded the





International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW), a coalition that launched the Campaign against Bombing in Populated Areas, which led to the adoption of an international agreement on November 18, 2022 by 83 States, including Canada, and the creation of the Explosive Weapons Monitor. To learn more about our work, visit our website: <u>www.hi-canada.org</u>.

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