

Global Action Call to Ban Uranium Weapons

Uranium, or depleted uranium (DU), weapons are spread over the world – still being produced and stockpiled, delivered and used. Chemically and radiologically toxic, the effects of DU bullets fired contaminate the human body and the environment. Yesterday it was Iraq, today it is Ukraine, and tomorrow?

Uranium ammunition is an indiscriminate weapon poisoning combatants and civilians alike, causing widespread and long lasting damage. It leads to devastation of the environment and suffering of victims for decades to come – just forming part of the toxic legacy of modern war as expressed in the Gulf War or Balkan syndromes.

Using DU weapons violates international law and is a war crime. The UN process started on the issue needs further support and enlargement. Nothing is justifying a “DU renaissance”!

We call on governments and organizations, the civil society and everybody to act in favor of:

- Stop developing, producing and delivering DU weapons – engaging towards a total ban;
- Not using, or threatening to use, or testing DU weapons;
- Victim assistance and environmental remediation;
- Transparency and help for affected regions;
- Drafting and lobbying for a Treaty on the prohibition of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium.

Politicians, experts, the military, economic entities and the media are called upon to act accordingly. Anybody can facilitate those activities through personal engagement (backing NGO work, contacting policy makers, maintaining petitions, exploiting social media etc.). It is high time to get rid of this barbaric weapon as the environmental dimension of human life and survival is getting ever evident...