



EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS IN POPULATED AREAS

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Second international conference of the

Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences Arising from the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas

San Jose, Costa Rica, 18-20 November 2025

Addressing the use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA) remains one of the most pressing contemporary humanitarian challenges. As armed conflicts continue to be waged around the world, marked by an increasing and extensive use of EWIPA leading to devastating humanitarian harm, suffering, destruction and long-term socio-economic repercussions, it now falls on the international community to redouble its commitment to strengthen the protection of civilians through dialogue, cooperation, and the shared goal to reduce the human cost of weapons.

Costa Rica is pleased to invite you to San Jose for the second international conference of the *Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences Arising from the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas*.

THE OVERARCHING AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE TO:

- **Foster and promote global universalization**, both in the region and globally, as well as to serve as an important occasion for non-endorsing States to announce their formal endorsement and grow support for the Declaration;
- **Review and advance implementation efforts** with a focus on responding to the reality of the impacts of EWIPA, fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge and best practice;
- **Set a roadmap** for action leading up to the third international conference and beyond.

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

The conference will be held on 19-20 November 2025 in San Jose, Costa Rica. In addition, a Protection Forum will take place on 18 November 2025.

For more information, please contact ewipa@un.org. For questions on the Protection Forum, please contact info@inew.org.

An invitation, programme and further information on registration and sponsorship will be shared shortly and be will made available at www.ewipa.org