Proposal by Sweden for the amendment of Article 2

A. Among the criteria to apply in order to exclude cluster munitions from the scope of the future convention one essential feature, in considering current and future munitions, is the existence of an electrical fail safe system which must embrace both self destruct (SD) and self-deactivation (SDA) mechanisms.

The rationale for electrical systems is that batteries always discharge and render the munitions inoperable in the self-deactivating phase.

B. In addition, we propose that cluster munitions with an internal guidance system - including sensors - to aid accuracy should be a prominent feature.

A and B shall also be cumulative criteria.