

# DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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**Comments by Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,  
the Netherlands and the United Kingdom concerning elements for Definitions**

## Definitions - alternative elements

The following weapon reliability and accuracy characteristics, either individually or in some combination, were posed by several States as being potential descriptors of those cluster munitions which do not cause unacceptable harm to civilians:

1. sensor fuzing (multiple or single) (point target discrimination) (deliver effects within a defined area);
2. fail-safe systems (self-destruct and self-neutralisation) (and self-deactivation) (mechanical and/or electronic based systems);
3. restrictions on the numbers of sub-munitions per cluster munition;
4. delivery by direct fire;
5. failure rates; and
6. accuracy (in terms of delivery of the cluster munition to the target area).

Several States also posed further consideration of:

1. other general reliability and accuracy considerations;
2. transition periods (for commencement of the primary prohibitions in Article 1); and
3. transition periods (for those munitions with a reliability of <1% and which possess failsafe systems.)