

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

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## Proposal by France for the amendment of Article 2

For the purposes of this Convention,

(...)

“**Cluster Munition**” means a carrier/container which contains conventional explosive sub-munition: and is designed to eject, disperse or release conventional explosive sub-munitions.

It does not mean:

- (a) A munition or sub munition designed to dispense flares, smoke, pyrotechnics or chaff;
- (b) A munition or sub munition designed to produce electrical, electronic or illuminating effects;
- (c) A munition containing less than [X] explosive sub munitions
- (d) Option 1: A munition designed to engage targets within a pre defined area in a reliable and accurate manner. (new text);  
Option 2: A munition that fulfils a combination of precise criteria regarding its reliability and its accuracy;

"Carrier-container" means:

- (a) a conventional munition that may be artillery shell, air bomb, guided or un-guided missile or,
- (b) a dispenser, affixed to an aircraft, which is not designed to dispense direct-fire munitions,

"**Explosive sub-munitions**" means a conventional explosive munition which is designed to separate from a cluster munition and is designed to detonate on, prior to or after impact.

"Reliable" cluster munitions means cluster munitions which contain explosive sub munitions of a dud rate below one percent and/or equipped with a self safe mechanism.

"Accurate" cluster munitions or explosive sub munitions are munitions which are effective only within a pre-defined target area.

**"Self safe mechanism" means self destruct or self neutralization or self de-activation mechanism**

**This definition shall be reviewed no latter than five years after the entry into force of the convention as provided under article 12.2. The meeting of the parties should at its first session adopt a program of work on the pending questions regarding the definition. The review process shall examine a wide range of views, including academic and civil society technical reports.**