

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

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**Proposal by Switzerland for the amendment of Article 2**

For the purposes of this Convention,

(...)

**“Cluster Munition” means a carrier/container which contains explosive sub-munitions and is designed to disperse or release or eject these 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 or sub-munition designed to engage a point target within a pre-defined area and contains a self-destruct, self-neutralization or self-deactivation mechanism;**

**“Carrier-container” means:**

- (a) **a conventional munition that may be artillery shell, air bomb, guided or un-guided missile or,**
- (b) **[OPTION 1] a dispenser, affixed, to an aircraft, which is designed to dispense multiple sub-munitions in a single act.**
- (b) **[OPTION 2] a dispenser, affixed to an aircraft, which is not designed to dispense direct-fire munitions.**

**“Explosive sub-munition” 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.**

~~“Cluster munition victims” means persons who have suffered physical or psychological injury, economic loss, social marginalisation or substantial impairment of the realisation of their rights caused by the use of cluster munitions. They include those persons directly impacted by cluster munitions as well as their families and communities;~~