

DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Proposal by the United Kingdom for the amendment of Article 3

1. Each State Party undertakes to remove all cluster munitions from stockpiles of munitions retained for **potential use**.
2. Each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions under its jurisdiction or control, as soon as possible but not later than **10** years after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party. Each State Party undertakes to ensure that destruction methods **protect public health and the environment**.
3. If a State Party believes that it will be unable to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions referred to in paragraph 1 within that time period it may submit a request to a Meeting of the States Parties or a Review Conference for an extension of the deadline for completing the destruction of such cluster munitions for a **further** period of up to ten years.
4. Each request shall contain:
 - a) The duration of the proposed extension;
 - b) A detailed explanation of the reasons for the proposed extension, including the financial and technical means available to or required by the State Party for the destruction of all cluster munitions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article; and
 - c) A plan for how and when stockpile destruction will be completed.
5. The meeting of the States Parties or the Review Conference shall, taking into consideration the factors contained in paragraph 4 of this Article, assess the request and decide by a majority of votes of States Parties present and voting whether to grant the request for an extension period.
- 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1, the retention, acquisition or transfer of a limited number of cluster munitions and sub-munitions for the development of and training in cluster munitions and sub-munitions detection, clearance or destruction techniques, or for the development of cluster munition counter-measures is permitted. The amount of cluster munitions and sub-munitions shall not exceed the minimum number absolutely necessary for the above mentioned purposes.**
- 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 the transfer of cluster munitions for the purpose of destruction as well as for testing, exercises and training in**

detection, cluster munitions and sub-munitions clearance or destruction techniques is permitted.