

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 6

1. In fulfilling its obligations under this Convention each State Party has the right to seek and receive assistance, **where feasible, from other States Parties to the extent possible.**
2. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide technical, material and financial assistance to States Parties affected by cluster munitions, aimed at the implementation of the obligations of this Convention. Such assistance may be provided, *inter alia*, through the United Nations system; international, regional or national organisations or institutions, non-governmental organisations or institutions, or on a bilateral basis.
3. Each State Party undertakes to facilitate and shall have the right to participate in the fullest possible exchange of equipment, and scientific and technological information concerning the implementation of this Convention. The States Parties shall not impose undue restrictions on the provision of clearance equipment and related technological information for humanitarian purposes.
4. In addition to any obligations it may have pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 4, each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for clearance of cluster munition remnants and information concerning various means and technologies related to clearance of cluster munitions, as well as lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact of clearance of cluster munition remnants and related activities.
5. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for the destruction of stockpiled cluster munitions, and shall also provide assistance to identify, assess and prioritise needs and practical measures in terms of marking, risk education, protection of civilians and clearance and destruction as provided in Article 4.
6. Where, after entry into force of this Convention, cluster munitions have become cluster munition remnants located in areas under the jurisdiction or control of a State Party, each State party in a position to do so, shall urgently provide emergency assistance to the affected State Party.
7. Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide assistance for medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, social and economic inclusion of all **victims of cluster munitions.** Such assistance may be provided, *inter alia*, through the United Nations System, international, regional or national organisations or institutions, the International Committee of the Red Cross, national Red Cross and

Red Crescent societies and their International Federation, non-governmental organisations, or on a bilateral basis.

8. Each State Party in a position to do so may contribute to relevant trust funds, in order to facilitate the provision of assistance under this Article.

9. Each State Party may, with the purpose of developing a national action plan, request the United Nations, regional organizations, other States Parties or other competent intergovernmental or non-governmental institutions to assist its authorities to determine, *inter alia*:

- (a) The nature and extent of cluster munition remnants located in areas under its jurisdiction or control;
- (b) The financial, technological and human resources required for the implementation of the plan;
- (c) The time estimated as necessary to clear all cluster munition remnants located in areas under its jurisdiction or control;
- (d) Risk education programmes and awareness activities to reduce the incidence of injuries or deaths caused by cluster munition remnants;
- (e) Assistance to **victims from cluster munitions**; and
- (f) The **coordination** relationship between the Government of the **concerned State Party** and the relevant governmental, inter-governmental or non-governmental entities that will work in the implementation of the plan.

10. States Parties giving and receiving assistance under the provisions of this Article shall cooperate with a view to ensuring the full and prompt implementation of agreed assistance programmes.