DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Proposal by Japan for the amendment of Article 2

For the purposes of this Convention:

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"Cluster munition" means a munition that is designed to disperse or release <u>more</u> than 10 explosive sub-munitions, and includes those explosive sub-munitions. It does not mean the following:

- (a) a munition or sub-munition designed to dispense flares, smoke, pyrotechnics or chaff;
- (b) a munition or sub-munition designed to produce electrical or electronic effects; or
- (c) reliable cluster munitions or accurate cluster munitions.

"Reliable" cluster munitions are those cluster munitions which contain explosive sub-munitions which are equipped either with self-destruction mechanism, self-neutralization mechanism or self-deactivating mechanism or those cluster munitions which cause cluster munition remnants at the rate of not more than one percent.

"Accurate" cluster munitions are those cluster munitions which are equipped with guidance system or otherwise effective only within a pre-defined area.

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