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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 2

2.1. For the purposes of this Convention:

a. "Cluster munition" means a carrier-container which contains more than [x] conventional explosive sub-munitions and is designed to dispense conventional explosive sub-munitions over targets in a pre-defined area.

b. "Conventional Explosive Sub-munition" means a conventional explosive munition which is designed to separate from a cluster munition and which is designed to detonate on, prior to or after impact on a target.

2.2 For the purposes of this convention, we need to consider the elements and characteristics that should exempt a submunition from a prohibition within specified reliability and accuracy benchmarks, including:

a. Munitions which incorporate a failsafe system.

b. Munitions which are direct fire weapons or which incorporate systems designed to deliver effects within a pre-defined area or on point targets.

2.3. We continue to support the following types of munitions remaining as exemptions: those designed to dispense flares, smoke, pyrotechnics or chaff Smoke, flare, chaff or pyrotechnic munitions and those designed to produce electrical or electronic effects.

"Cluster Munition Victims" means any persons who have suffered physical or psychological injury or economic loss, caused by the use of cluster munitions; cluster munition victims include such persons directly impacted by cluster munitions.