DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Proposal by Sweden for the amendment of Article 2

A. Among the criteria to apply in order to exclude cluster munitions from the scope of the future convention one <u>essential feature</u>, in considering current and future munitions, is the existence of an electrical fail safe system which must embrace <u>both</u> self destruct (SD) **and** self-deactivation (SDA) mechanisms.

The rationale for electrical systems is that batteries always discharge and render the munitions inoperable in the self-deactivating phase.

B. <u>In addition</u>, we propose that cluster munitions with an internal guidance system - including sensors - to <u>aid accuracy</u> should be a prominent feature.

A and B shall also be cumulative criteria.