

**GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF
THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON
THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO
HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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**INITIATIVE ON A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF CLUSTER
MUNITIONS WITHIN THE MILITARY EXPERTS GROUP OF THE CCW**

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Understanding of Cluster Munitions

1. Cluster Muniton means an air-carried or ground-launched dispenser that contains submunitions. Each cluster muniton is designed to eject submunitions over a pre-defined target area.

Understanding of Submunition

2. Submunition means a muniton which contains explosives. Submunitions are designed to detonate on, prior to, or immediately after impact on the identified target.

Characteristics of Cluster Munitions

3. Cluster munitions, due to their characteristics of a lack of an autonomous target detection capability and/or usually high number of dangerous duds that become explosive remnants of war, pose serious humanitarian concerns during and after conflicts.

Exclusions from an understanding of Cluster Munitions

4. Cluster Munitions do not include direct-fire munitions, munitions with a capability to discriminate, flare and smoke munitions, those munitions that are inert post impact (e.g. kinetic energy penetrator), and landmines.