

**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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Item 7 of the Agenda  
**Explosive Remnants of War**

**Working Group on Explosive Remnants of War**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
MILITARY AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON ERW**

Proposal by the Chairperson of the Meeting of the Military and Technical Experts on ERW

Addendum

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. The recent Meetings of the Military and Technical Experts on ERW in 2005 and 2006 focused on the following points:
  - (i) Definition of specific humanitarian risks of munitions that have become ERW
  - (ii) Discussion of technical measures to prevent munitions from becoming ERW
  - (iii) Consideration of the relevance and feasibility of the measures
  - (iv) Consideration of assistance and cooperation with regard to technical preventive measures
2. The discussion on all these four points will continue at the Fourteenth session of the GGE in June 2006, in particular at the Meeting of Military and Technical Experts (MMTE). Any proposal on how to bring the work forward is welcome. Specifically, input will be requested for the following points:

## **Item 1. ERW Threat Assessment**

### **3. Definition of humanitarian risk of ERW**

- (i) Proposals on how to improve and complete the “Draft Table of Conventional Ammunition Types and Systems” presented by the Chair (CCW/GGE/XIII/WG.1/WP.8, dated 27 February 2006). A revised version is available as CCW/GGE/XIV/WG.1/1/Add.2. The aim of the table is to generally define which types of munitions are to be considered. The classification does not contain any judgement on risk; it is meant to form a consistent base for the work of the MMTE.
- (ii) Contributions on how to define munitions specifically. The definition of “Cluster Munitions” presented by Germany at the Thirteenth session of the GGE in March 2006 (CCW/GGE/XIII/WG.1/WP.10, dated 8 March 2006) should be further discussed.
- (iii) Reactions on the “Assessment of the relative risk of categories of explosive ordnance becoming Explosive Remnants of War: Methodology” (CCW/GGE/XIII/WG.1/WP.7, dated 23 February 2006), presented by the United Kingdom in November 2005 and March 2006 GGE sessions. Delegations should consider how to continue the work on the methodology and how to fund further work on it. The aim of the methodology is to allow an objective categorisation of explosive ordnance which present a specific humanitarian risk to civilian populations. Only then design issues can be approached, as per our mandate.

## **Item 2. Preventive Measures**

### **(a) Preventive Technical Measures**

4. Input to the methodology presented by France at the previous two GGE sessions, which is now available as “Munitions - a method to reduce the risks associated with explosive remnants of war” (CCW/GGE/XIII/WG.1/WP.14, dated 24 March 2006). Delegations are requested to comment on and contribute to the methodology as proposed by France. The aim is to find specific procedures on how to prevent munitions and sub-munitions from becoming ERW.

5. Presentations of national practices on how technical measures prevent munitions from becoming ERW.

**(b) Relevance**

6. Discussions on this point seem preliminary, but any input is welcome.

**(c) Feasibility**

7. Discussions on this point seem preliminary, but any input is welcome.

**Item 3. Technical cooperation and assistance in relation to possible preventive measures**

8. Discussions on this point seem preliminary, but any input is welcome.
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