

**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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Working Group on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE
MILITARY EXPERTS ON MOTAPM**

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Introduction

1. The purpose of the Provisional Agenda for the Meetings of the Military Experts on MOTAPM is to facilitate and support the preparatory work of the participating experts. The agenda is based on the paper by the Coordinator entitled “ Proposals and ideas on MOTAPM in the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) with the purpose to provide a basis for further work” and on the consultations held since the August- session between the Coordinator and the representatives of different delegations.
2. The provisional Agenda covers items of military and technical nature on the issue of MOTAPM to be discussed thoroughly at the military experts level in order to support and advise the GGE. The aim is to focus on those specific details and issues, which still need to be clarified.
3. All topics and questions on the agenda have been on the table last year and been discussed in depth during the last meetings. A lot of progress has been achieved thanks to the constructive attitude and valuable research work of the distinguished experts. The common objective should be to finalize the work among the experts as far as possible. I wish that the good spirit of cooperation and understanding will prevail in our discussions in November.

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FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE MILITARY EXPERTS**

First Meeting

Tuesday 15th November

4. The aim of the first meeting of the Military Experts, 15th of November, 1000- 1300, is to concentrate on detectability of MOTAPMs in order to clear finally this key issue. During the August- meeting and consultations after that, the alternative methods and technologies in humanitarian de-mining have risen to be an essential part of the chapter on Detectability. The military experts will sort out this problem as follows:

- (i) Definitions; 8 grms of a metal detector compared with signs from for instance radar or micro-wave detector, the minimum level of impulse for an assured observation and a conclusion of existence of a mine.
- (ii) Availability of the alternative methods and equipment for the humanitarian de-mining, international acceptance.
- (iii) All MOTAPM shall be detectable upon emplacement?
- (iv) The necessary transition period/periods?

5. During this meeting also issues related to definitions, chapter II of the Coordinator's paper can be discussed.

Second Meeting

Friday 18th November

6. The aim of the second meeting of the Military Experts, 18th of November, 1500- 1800, is to look over the rest of the issues of technical and/ or military nature in the Coordinator's paper and take into account the discussion of the Governmental Experts during this session:

- (i) The technical annexes, contents and status.
- (ii) The active life of MOTAPM, technical requirements of SD/SDA and SN/SDA-systems.
- (iii) The mine- awareness training.
- (iv) Recording and marking technologies.
- (v) Any other issues.

7. This meeting of the military experts is the last one under the present Coordinator's team. The goal is to finalize the work and produce a solid basis for the States Parties to decide the status of this set of recommendations. I do hope that the same constructive and productive spirit will prevail during these meetings as before and the military experts can pave the way to a successful result.
