

**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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GERMAN UNDERSTANDING OF CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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1. “Cluster munitions” means a munition, which contains submunitions with explosives. These are deployed by means of delivery and are designed to detonate on impact with a statistical distribution in a pre-defined target area.
2. Cluster munition delivery means include artillery shells, missiles or aircrafts.
3. The characteristics of cluster munitions are a lack of an autonomous target detection capability and a usually high number of dangerous duds that pose serious humanitarian concerns after the use.
4. The term “cluster munitions” does not cover direct-fire munitions, flares and smoke ammunition, sensor-fused ammunition with an autonomous target detection capability, submunition without explosives and landmines.