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**Meeting of the High Contracting 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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**Mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM)**

**Food-for-thought on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines (MOTAPM)**

**Submitted by the CCW Implementation Support Unit (ISU) on behalf of the Chairperson-designate of the 2012 Meeting of High Contracting Parties**

1. International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and MOTAPM:
  - (a) General principles and rules of IHL applicable to MOTAPM, including military necessity, distinction, discrimination, proportionality, precautions taken before and during an attack, superfluous injury/unnecessary suffering and environmental protection, any other principles and rules applicable to MOTAPM; and
  - (b) Specific IHL standards applicable to MOTAPM (Amended Protocol II).
2. National implementation of existing IHL on MOTAPM, including: MOTAPM-specific national legislation, if any; the use of MOTAPM in national defence doctrines; IHL on MOTAPM in military manuals and rules of engagement; and IHL dissemination to military personnel and civilians.
3. Humanitarian concerns associated with the use of MOTAPM.
4. Means and methods to implement the basic principles of existing international treaty and customary law and to minimise the humanitarian impact caused by the use of MOTAPM:
  - (a) Warnings to civilians;
  - (b) Protection of civilians and role of perimeter marked areas;
  - (c) Monitoring and security of minefields containing MOTAPM;
  - (d) Limitations on the use of remotely delivered MOTAPM;
  - (e) Facilitation of effective clearance, including through the use of MOTAPM which can be detected by commonly available mine detection equipment;
  - (f) Deploying MOTAPM with a limited operational lifespan (MOTAPM equipped with self-destruction or self-neutralization mechanisms or self-deactivation back-up features);

- (g) The use of anti-handling devices on MOTAPM;
  - (h) Ensuring that MOTAPM fuses are not activated inadvertently by the presence, proximity or contact of a person;
  - (i) Addressing the rights and needs of victims of MOTAPM;
  - (j) International cooperation and assistance; and
  - (k) Any other issues.
5. Other issues concerning MOTAPM:
- (a) The use of MOTAPM by non-State actors;
  - (b) Transfers of MOTAPM;
  - (c) Transparency and confidence building measures; and
  - (d) Any other relevant issues.
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