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 (CCW)

Meeting of Experts on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines (MOTAPM)
2 – 4 April 2012, United Nations Office at Geneva, Conference Room XIX

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK¹

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¹ This Annotated Provisional Programme of Work is prepared by the Friend of the Chair in cooperation with the Chairperson-designate of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention. The purpose of the Programme is to assist the States Parties and observer delegations in preparing for the meeting of experts. This Programme remains a flexible framework and the timing and allocation of the different topics may be adjusted during the meeting of experts to ensure a fruitful exchange among participants.
Monday, 2 April 2012, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

OPENING AND GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

The meeting of experts will be opened with brief introductory remarks on the mandate and the applicable procedures. Then delegations will be invited to make general statements.

CURRENT STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) ON MOTAPM

Delegations are encouraged to present their views on the applicable IHL to MOTAPM. This may include the 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. At the beginning of this session there will be an expert presentation on the current status of IHL applicable to MOTAPM.

MEASURES TAKEN BY STATES IN ADDITION TO EXISTING IHL

States are encouraged to provide information on their own national laws and practices, and to provide examples of how these go beyond existing IHL. States which joined the declarations on MOTAPM at the CCW Third Review Conference in 2006 are invited to share their experiences on implementing these instruments.

Monday, 2 April 2012, 3.00 to 5.00 p.m

HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF MOTAPM

Delegations are encouraged to share their experiences of the humanitarian impact of MOTAPM.

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS - 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Delegations may approach the Secretariat to make an appointment for a bilateral consultation with the Friend of the Chair.

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

NATIONAL POLICIES ON THE USE OF MOTAPM

States are encouraged to speak on their national military doctrines and practices concerning the use of MOTAPM, including the function and utility of these weapons.

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.
POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF MOTAPM

Delegations are encouraged to share their views on all possible ways to address the humanitarian impact of MOTAPM, including through technical measures. This discussion will focus on the means and methods to address the humanitarian impact caused by the use of MOTAPM on civilians and combatants including, but not limited to, the following:

- Warnings to civilians;
- Protection of civilians and the role of perimeter marked areas;
- Monitoring and security of minefields containing MOTAPM;
- Facilitation of effective clearance, including through the use of MOTAPM which can be detected by commonly available mine detection equipment;
- Deploying MOTAPM with a limited operational lifespan (MOTAPM equipped with self-destruction or self-neutralizing mechanisms or self-deactivation back-up features);
- The use of anti-handling devices on MOTAPM;
- Ensuring that MOTAPM fuzes are not activated inadvertently by the presence, proximity or contact of a person;
- Addressing the rights and needs of victims of MOTAPM;
- International cooperation and assistance, and
- Any other issues, such as the following:
  - The use of MOTAPM by Non-State Actors;
  - Transfers of MOTAPM;
  - Transparency and confidence building measures; and
  - Any other relevant issues.

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS (Continued) - 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF MOTAPM (Continued)

Delegations are encouraged to share their views on all possible ways to address the humanitarian impact of MOTAPM, including through technical measures.

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

THE WAY FORWARD

Discussions will focus on what has been accomplished by the meeting of experts and what work on MOTAPM might be undertaken in the future within the CCW framework.