UNMAS
Meeting of the Group of Experts on Amended Protocol II to the CCW Convention
Improvised Explosive Devices

Possibility of a database, platform or portal
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Delivered by Mr. Bruno Donat, Chief, Geneva Office, UNMAS

Mr. Coordinator,

UNMAS thanks the Coordinator for including this agenda item into the work of this Group.

Before addressing substantive issues on the question at hand, UNMAS would like to thank Australia, once more, for the development of its exchangeable database. As mentioned, yesterday, UNMAS has been one of the original testers of the Australian project Axon for a global database on IED event data, and we are developing a Lexicon on IED that would be released in the near future.

The development of a global database, platform or portal is welcome by UNMAS. However, before setting up any database it is important to consider the following:

a) What would be the common and interoperable vocabulary and typology in the database as regards to the IED threat?

b) What is exactly expected from such a database? Should it be just a repository of technical information? or should it link, for example, to IED events or persons related to IED events?

c) Would this database provide countries with some tools to predict the use of IEDs based on scientific algorithms?

Mr. Coordinator, to conclude:

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We also understand that a global database would have financial implications, including management of the tool, which would need to be planned and resourced appropriately.

I thank you.