The European Union, with the aim of concluding a legally binding instrument that prohibits the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions that cause unacceptable harm to civilians and includes provisions on cooperation and assistance, submits the following proposal for a negotiating mandate on cluster munitions to be recommended by the GGE for adoption by the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW in November 2007:

“(i) The 2007 Conference 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 decides to establish a Group of Governmental Experts with a schedule of no less than three meetings to negotiate a legally-binding instrument that addresses the humanitarian concerns of cluster munitions in all their aspects by the end of 2008.

(ii) In the context of the activities described above, meetings of military and legal experts can be conducted to provide advice in support of these activities.

(iii) The Group of Governmental Experts will report on the work done to the next meeting of High Contracting Parties of the CCW in November 2008.”

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