

CCW-GGE Cluster munition
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In distinguishing between cluster munitions that should be prohibited and those that should not, it is important to incorporate the notions of accuracy and reliability. Therefore it could be helpful to focus attention on a description of accuracy and reliability, and then decide for what type of munitions those criteria should be applied.

When considering reliability, it would be preferable to focus on the expected ERW that will be left on the ground, in stead of focussing on technical ways of preventing ERW.

For effectively minimising ERW the protocol will only have to set a clear reliability standard. How this reliability is achieved, for example through self-destruct or self-neutralizing mechanisms, can be left to the producers.

Technical experts could concentrate on how reliability and accuracy standards should be described and properly tested.