



**Fourth Review 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
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Statement

Delegation of Germany

Main Committee I, 17 November 2011

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation was encouraged by the exchange we had on MOTAPM yesterday. We listened carefully to all views. We noted that some delegations expressed a cautious attitude towards the resumption of negotiations on MOTAPM. At the same time, there seems to be widespread support to engage in discussions at this stage. Based on this momentum, I am pleased to propose, on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Germany, Ireland and Switzerland, the following new element for inclusion into the Draft Final Document, Part II, which contains the Final declaration:

“The High Contracting Parties decide to establish a Group of Governmental Experts to meet for up to one week in 2012 to further consider the implementation of international humanitarian law with regard to mines other than anti-personnel mines and to make recommendations to the 2012 Meeting of High Contracting Parties.”

I would like to request the Secretariate to circulate this proposal as a Working Paper of the Conference.

Thank you.