

**GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF
THE STATES 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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ERW FRAMEWORK PAPER – ARTICLE 7

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In order to give practical effect to protecting civilians from ERW, there is the necessity to provide humanitarian organisations with details of the location of ERW affected areas in order that they may continue to dispense, and that facilitates their continued dispensing of humanitarian assistance.

1.2 A practical balance needs to be demonstrated and achieved between facilitation of assistance by humanitarian organisations whilst remaining cognizant of potential military exigencies with which a military commander will be confronted such as limited number of military personnel.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 Australia proposes the replacement of the extant Article 7 as contained in the Framework Paper with the following article:

A High Contracting party will, upon request by humanitarian organisations, use its best endeavours to provide details of the location of all known ERW to such humanitarian organisations, which are known by it to be providing assistance in the area of authorised humanitarian operations.