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An Issue related to technical data/information owned by Producers – Possible Obstacle in proceeding destruction of Cluster Munitions

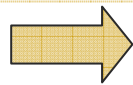
(1) Outline of the Issue

- Every Cluster Munitions contains technical data/information which are possessed by Licensers/Licensees (Producers)
- Those technical data/information owned by producers may be necessary in order to devise the method/procedure for destruction of Cluster Munitions, as well as, to implement destruction of Cluster Munitions abiding by those procedures.
- Producers might exert its intellectual right on those technical data/information in the future process for the destruction of Cluster Munitions

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(2) Possible Problems

- Producers might insist that license is required in both devising and implementing the method/procedures for destruction of their Cluster Munitions.



- Damage to Competitive environment / Cost-effectiveness
/ Delays in implementing destruction of Cluster Munitions

(3) Possible Actions for International Society

- Member Countries might better confirm situations of their own cluster munitions from this shared point of view.

- Depending on the situation, the International Society may need to request those producers not to exert their rights on the technical data/information of Cluster Munitions in relation to the destruction of those Cluster Munitions.