

For the definition of "remotely-delivered mine" (para.2), the UK requested the final sentence in this paragraph which exempts mines delivered from less than 500 metres. While no one has yet objected to this request, Canada does not support such an exemption which we perceive as a major loophole which could be abused.

CANADIAN POSITION:

It is expected that the US will fight hard to ensure that no restrictions are placed on the use of Claymores. There are an extremely useful military tool and are not part of the humanitarian problem. Canada uses the Claymore and in fact would manufacture our own under licence if parts were available.

Canada should let the US lead the fight to exempt Claymores from any restrictions. If pressed, Canada should support the US publicly, as the Claymore is as important to the CF as it is to US forces.

We support the inclusion of anti-handling devices within Protocol II.

POSITIONS OF OTHER MAJOR PLAYERS/GROUPS ON THE ISSUE:

See above for comments on the Claymore mines. With respect to the issue of anti-handling devices, the US position is that this restriction should apply to APM only.

LIKELY AREAS OF COMPROMISE:

Unknown.