REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BILL

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(As agreed to by the Portfolio Committee on Defence (National Assembly))

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CLAUSE 1

- 1. On page 3, in line 24, after "a", to insert "laser".
- 2. On page 3, from line 47, to omit the definition of "explosive ordnance".
- 3. On page 4, in line 1, after "prohibited", to omit "or restricted".
- 4. On page 4, in line 4, after "prohibited", to omit "or restricted".
- 5. On page 4, in line 16, after "advantage", to omit ", but does not include military objectives located in a city, town, village or other area containing a similar concentration of civilians or civilian objects".
- 6. On page 4, in line 47, after "procure", to omit "means to obtain" and to substitute "includes the obtaining of".
- 7. On page 4, in line 48, after "transfer", to omit "or discovery".
- 8. On page 4, in line 46, after "cession", to omit "," and to substitute "or".
- 9. On page 5, in line 9, after "prohibited", to omit "or restricted".
- 10. On page 5, in line 11, after "prohibited", to omit "or restricted".
- 11. On page 5, in line 13, after "prohibited", to omit "or restricted".
- 12. On page 5, from line 15, to omit the definition of "unexploded ordnance".

CLAUSE 3

- 1. On page 5, in line 36, after "Republic", to omit "; or" and to substitute ";".
- 2. On page 5, from line 37 to line 39, to omit paragraph (*d*).
- 3. On page 5, in line 37, after "if" to omit "—".
- 4. On page 5, in line 38, to omit "(*a*)".
- 5. On page 5, from line 48, to omit paragraph (*b*).
- 6. On page 5, from line 51, to omit paragraph (*c*).

CLAUSE 6

- 1. On page 6, in line 16, after "booby-traps", to omit "and" and to substitute "or".
- 2. On page 6, in line 27, after the second "or", to omit "in the close vicinity of" and to substitute "directed against".

3. On page 7, in line 1, after "objects", to omit "clearly".

CLAUSE 8

- 1. On page 7, in line 32, after "8.", to omit "(1)".
- 2. On page 7, from line 38, to omit subsection (2).

CLAUSE 11

- 1. On page 8, in line 9, after "must", to omit "-".
- 2. On page 8, in line 10, to omit "(*a*)".
- 3. On page 8, in line 17, to omit paragraph (*b*).

NEW CLAUSE

That the following be a new clause:

"Exemptions

- 13. (1) The Minister may, on application by any organ of state or its agent, exempt such an organ of state or its agent from the prohibitions contemplated in sections 5 and 8 for the purposes of conducting research into development, testing and acquisition of counter-measures against the effects of prohibited weapons.
 - (2) Any exemption contemplated in subsection (1) must—
- (a) be in writing; and
- (b) state the terms and conditions of such an exemption.".