



**PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION
FOR
AMMENDING AN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL MINE ACTION STANDARD,
DEVELOPING A NEW STANDARD,
OR
A NEW TECHNICAL NOTE FOR MINE ACTION**

This form is intended to provide the start point in a process that identifies both shortcomings and improvements needed in International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and their accompanying Technical Notes on Mine Action (TNMA).

After it has been properly completed and submitted, the proposal will be reviewed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the IMAS Review Board who will then include their comments, if any, and circulate it to the Review Board. If there is support for the proposal from at least 25% of the Review Board's members the process will continue.

Note 1: When the Review Board supports the subject matter, the proposal for a new IMAS will be submitted to the IMAS Steering Group for approval.

Note 2: In the event of amendments to an existing IMAS, this form will only be used when the amendments are substantial (e.g. NMAA and Mine Action Organizations may need to amend their National Standards and/or SOPs).

Note 3: When the Review Board cannot agree on a proposal, the issue will be put to the IMAS Steering Group for a final decision.

I UNITED NATIONS MINE ACTION SERVICE _____ wish to propose that the following is considered within the framework of International Mine Action Standards:

Theme or subject matter?

CHINESE TYPE 84 CLUSTER MUNITION, TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Rationale as to why there is a need?

During UNMAS field operations by demining implementing partners (NGO) one fatality and one injury can be attributed to the Chinese TYPE 84 cluster munition.

State the current shortcoming and/or need for improvement of existing IMAS/TNMA that this new topic will seek to address? As is evidenced by the two Chinese TYPE 84 incidents, there is little field knowledge and experience regarding this type of munition. The TNMA will provide a technical description of the munition to assist in handling and disposal.

Explain the negative impact on field operations that this shortcoming will or has caused and/ or the improvement that is expected? The current lack of knowledge has caused a fatality and injury. The impact of the improvement is saving lives and preventing future injury of demining personnel.

Explain the negative impact on the mine affected community that this shortcoming will or has caused and/ or the improvement that is expected? Currently the munitions threaten the members of the community and significantly impact their livelihood.

Are there any existing publications already dealing with this topic? There are limited publications available on the Chinese TYPE 84 cluster munition. Open sources provide only a limited visual description with little to know technical description.

State why this issue is best addressed through IMAS/TNMA and may not be adequately covered by support and/or endorsement of an existing or under draft publication? There are currently no publications detailing the technical descriptions of the Chinese TYPE 84 cluster munition. A TNMA is the best avenue to distribute the necessary information at the international level.

ANNEX A

Summary and recommendations resulting of above proposal: *(To be prepared by the Secretary or the Chair of the IMAS Review Board)*

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Action: The proposal was supported by the IMAS Review Board. The UNMAS team in Libya will prepare a draft Technical Note.