

**Twenty-third Annual Conference
of the High Contracting Parties to
Amended Protocol II 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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Agenda item 14

Consideration and adoption of the final document

Final document

I. Introduction

1. Article 13 of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II), annexed 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 (CCW), provides for a conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Protocol to be held annually for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the operation of the Protocol.
2. The High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in the Technical Decisions on the work related to Amended Protocol II for 2021, of 14 April 2021 (hereinafter Technical Decisions), adopted by silent procedure aimed to ensure continuity of the Amended Protocol II process in view of the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and without creating a precedent for the future, decided to recommend to the Twenty-third Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in Annex I of CCW/AP.II/2020/1. They also adopted the estimated costs of the Twenty-third Annual Conference (CCW/AP.II/2020/1, annex III).
3. The Twenty-second Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was not convened in view of extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The Twenty-first Annual Conference recommended in paragraph 31 of its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.21/5), that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President-designate of the Twenty-second Annual Conference, on behalf of the High Contracting Parties, exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of Amended Protocol II.
5. The Twenty-first Annual Conference in paragraph 34 (c) of its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.21/5), decided to continue focused exchanges on selected article(s) as decided by the Twentieth Annual Conference in paragraph 31 of its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.20/5).
6. The Twenty-first Annual Conference also decided in paragraph 37 of its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.21/5), that the Group of Experts shall review the operation and status of the Protocol, including matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II, under the overall responsibility of the President-designate; and the issue of improvised explosive devices (IED), under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Colonel Pascal Levant of France, assisted by Ms. Diana Esperanza Castillo Castro of Colombia. In the Technical Decisions, the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II noted the work of the IED Coordinators in accordance with paragraph 35(d) of the final document of the Twenty-first Annual Conference, reviewing and



revising the original questionnaire on Counter-IED and requested the IED Coordinators to present to the 2021 Group of Experts the proposed revisions, and to seek the Group's approval of the revised questionnaire, and to present the revised questionnaire for adoption during the Twenty-Third Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.

7. The High Contracting Parties in the Technical Decisions by the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II decided in paragraph 7, to nominate H.E. Ambassador Ichiro Ogasawara of Japan, as President-designate of the Twenty-third Annual Conference.

8. The High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided in paragraph 3 (e) of its Technical Decisions on the work related to the Convention for 2021 of 3 May 2021 (CCW/2020/1), that the Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II would be held on 10 December 2021 in Geneva.

9. The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was prepared for by a Group of Experts, which took place for a day and a half from 16 to 17 August 2021 in Geneva, as decided by the High Contracting Parties in the Technical Decisions on the work related to the Convention for 2021 of 3 May 2021 (CCW/2020/1) and amended by written silence procedure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Organization of the Twenty-third Annual Conference

10. The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was convened on 10 December 2021 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

11. The following High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II participated in the work of the Conference: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

12. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated as observers: Cuba and the United Arab Emirates.

13. The following Signatory States to the Convention also participated in the work of the Conference as observers: Egypt and Nigeria.

14. The representatives of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) also participated in the work of the Conference.

15. The representatives of the following organizations also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit, the European Union, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

16. The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and other entities also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: Human Right Watch and the University of Edinburgh.

III. Work of the Twenty-third Annual Conference

17. The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was opened on 10 December 2021 by a representative of the Philippines on behalf of Ambassador Maria Teresa Almojuela, as President of the Twenty-second Annual Conference, who presided over the confirmation of the nomination of Ambassador Ichiro Ogasawara of Japan as President of the Twenty-third Annual Conference.

18. The Conference held two plenary meetings. At its first plenary meeting, the Conference also confirmed the nominations of Ambassador Li Song of China and Ms. Dayani Mendis of Sri Lanka as Vice-Presidents.

19. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/1. In confirming its Rules of Procedure, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.15/7 and its corrigendum (CCW/AP.II/CONF.15/7/Corr.1), the Conference decided to suspend Rule 2, in accordance with paragraph 24 of the final document of the Fifteenth Annual Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.15/8).

20. The Conference confirmed the nomination of Ms. Radha Day, Director a.i. of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Geneva Branch, as Secretary-General of the Conference. Ms. Heegyun Jung, Political Affairs Officer, UNODA Geneva Branch, served as Secretary.

21. During the course of the meeting the Conference considered documents CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/1 to CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/6. The documents of the Conference are available in all official languages on the CCW website (<https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/ccw-apis-2021/>), as well as through the United Nations Official Document System (ODS), at <http://documents.un.org>.

22. The following delegations participated in the general exchange of views: Austria, Chile, China, European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Iraq, Ireland, Montenegro, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

23. The Conference heard a report by the President on efforts undertaken to promote the universalization of Amended Protocol II.

24. The Conference heard presentations on Article 11 on Technological cooperation and assistance, in accordance with the decisions taken by the Twentieth Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.20/5, paragraph 31) and by the Twenty-first Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.21/5, paragraph 34(c)).

25. The Conference also heard a report by Colonel Pascal Levant of France and Ms. Diana Esperanza Castillo Castro of Colombia, as Coordinators on IED, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/2. The Coordinators also presented the revised questionnaire on Counter-IED for adoption by the Conference as mandated by the Technical Decisions, and further presented their propositions with regard to the work to be undertaken in the framework of Amended Protocol II on IED in 2022.

26. The Conference also heard a report by the President and the Coordinators on their consultations with delegations on the updated Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices, which they presented to the High Contracting Parties for consideration in accordance with the latter's decision taken by the silence procedure which expired on 27 August 2021.

27. In accordance with Article 13 paragraph 4 of the Protocol, the Conference had before it national annual reports from the following High Contracting Parties: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The reports contained information on:

- (a) Dissemination of information on the Protocol to armed forces and to the civilian population;
- (b) Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;

- (c) Steps taken to meet technical requirements of the Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
- (d) Legislation related to the Protocol;
- (e) Measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;
- (f) Other relevant matters; and
- (g) Information provided to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System.

A synopsis of national annual reports submitted for the Twenty-third Annual Conference is contained in annex III of this report.

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

A. Universalization

28. The Twenty-third Annual Conference welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Twenty-third Annual Conference, organizations, and the CCW Implementation Support Unit to promote wider adherence to Amended Protocol II, notwithstanding the extraordinary circumstances linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.

29. At its second plenary meeting, the Conference decided to issue an appeal to call upon all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to accede to Amended Protocol II as soon as possible. The appeal is contained in annex I.

30. The Conference recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President-designate of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference, on behalf of the High Contracting Parties, exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of Amended Protocol II. To this effect, the Conference requested the President-designate to consider reporting to the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on his or her endeavours. The Conference also called on the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Implementation Support Unit to promote wider adherence to Amended Protocol II.

31. The Conference also decided that High Contracting Parties to the Convention should continue their contacts on a voluntary basis with the High Contracting Parties to the original Protocol II that have not yet become parties to Amended Protocol II, to encourage them to accede to it and thus to facilitate the termination of the original Protocol II. Any action with respect to the termination of the original Protocol II should be taken with the consent of the High Contracting Parties to the original Protocol II.

B. Operation and Status of the Protocol

32. The Conference took note of the presentations on Article 11 on Technological cooperation and assistance.

33. The Conference decided that:

- (a) The Group of Experts should review the operation and status of the Protocol and consider matters arising from the national annual reports;
- (b) The Group of Experts should consider measures to increase the rate of national reporting and consistency of the current reporting methodology in the framework of Amended Protocol II;
- (c) Focused exchanges on selected article(s) of Amended Protocol II should be continued as decided by the Twentieth Annual Conference in paragraph 31 of its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.20/5).

C. Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)

34. The Conference decided:

(a) The High Contracting Parties request the Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, to maintain, update and keep available on the CCW website the compilation of existing guidelines, best practices and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials that can be used for IED, on an ongoing basis as new relevant information is published; they further request the Implementation Support Unit to modernize the CCW website and to improve the user interface and experience.

(b) With a view to ultimately compiling guidelines based on existing best practices, recommendations and lessons learned on methods to educate civilians to the risk posed by IED, the Group of Experts will continue its voluntary information exchange on IED risk education methods, campaigns or practices.

(c) The Group of Experts will, in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention, continue exchange of information, on a voluntary basis and subject to national policies on the protection of sensitive information, on national measures, reporting methodologies, best practices and lessons learned on the following topics:

- (i) Development and consolidation of coherent and coordinated national and regional responses to counter the threat posed by IED;
- (ii) New types of IED, including trigger mechanisms, new components used as main charge and detonators;
- (iii) Methods of clearance of IED, with a particular focus on urban environments, as well as technical innovations and new means for clearance of IED as part of humanitarian action;
- (iv) Methods to protect civilians from IED,

(d) With respect to the questionnaire on Counter-IED, the High Contracting Parties adopted the revised questionnaire on Counter-IED as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/5 which the IED coordinators presented to the Conference in accordance with the decision contained in the paragraph 3 of the Technical Decisions by the High Contracting Parties to AP II (CCW/AP.II/2020/1).

(e) The Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, is requested, based on the responses received, to:

- (i) Make available to High Contracting Parties the responses to the original and revised questionnaire on the designated restricted webpages;
- (ii) Maintain a list of national point of contacts for Counter-IED cooperation;

(f) With respect to other fora addressing the threat posed by IED, the Group of Experts will keep apprised of the relevant developments in their activities, with a view to ensuring complementarity of efforts and awareness raising on topics such as methods to prevent the diversion of precursors, ammunition, explosives and components that may be used for the manufacture of IED.

(g) To recognize the importance of a balanced involvement of women and men in the Group of Experts in support of its efforts to address the threats posed by IED.

Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices for the Sixth Review Conference

35. Under agenda item 10, the Conference also reached consensus on the text of the updated Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices, which is contained in annex V and agreed to submit it to the Sixth Review Conference. The updated declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices is aimed to supersede the declaration on IED adopted by the 18th Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and included as Annex V of the final report of that Conference issued as CCW/APII/CONF.18/6.

Text on the review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II for the Sixth Review Conference

36. Under agenda item 11, the Conference reached consensus on the text on the review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II and agreed to submit it to the Sixth Review Conference, which is contained in annex VI.

D. Follow-up

37. The Conference decided that the 2022 session of the Group of Experts will be for a duration of two days and the dates are to be decided by the Sixth Review Conference, to be held on 13 to 17 December 2021. The Conference also adopted the estimated costs of the Group of Experts, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/3.

38. The Conference decided that the Group of Experts will review the operation and status of the Protocol, including matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II, under the overall responsibility of the President-designate; and the issues on IED, under the overall responsibility of the IED Coordinators. The work of the Group of Experts will be considered by the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference.

39. The Conference decided that the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference will be convened in 2022 on the dates to be decided by the Sixth Review Conference, to be held on 13 to 17 December 2021. The Conference decided to recommend to the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in annex II. It also adopted the estimated costs of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/4.

40. The Conference decided to nominate a representative of the Eastern European Group as President-designate of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to be held in 2022, and the representatives of China, the Western European and Other Group and the Non-Aligned Movement as Vice-Presidents-designates.

41. At its second plenary meeting, the Twenty-third Annual Conference adopted its final document as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/6.

V. Other matters

42. Some High Contracting Parties raised the issue of Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines (MOTAPM) in particular with regard to protection of civilians. Divergent views remained among High Contracting Parties on the need to continue the consideration of the issue of MOTAPM, including with regard to protection of civilians, in the framework of Amended Protocol II.

Annex I

An appeal by the Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II

(as adopted at the second plenary meeting on 10 December 2021)

We, the High Contracting Parties which have notified the Depositary of our consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II to the CCW, meeting in Geneva on 10 December 2021 for our Twenty-third Annual Conference:

Bearing in mind the important contribution of Amended Protocol II to international efforts to alleviate the suffering caused by certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects,

Noting that Amended Protocol II is the only international legal instrument which covers all types of mines, booby-traps and other devices,

Having reviewed the operation and status of Amended Protocol II, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Article 13,

Having considered the national annual reports presented by High Contracting Parties which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II,

1. *Welcome* the fact that 106 High Contracting Parties have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II;
2. *Emphasize* the importance of achieving universalization of Amended Protocol II, including widest possible adherence to it;
3. *Urge* all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to accede to Amended Protocol II as soon as possible.

Annex II

Provisional agenda of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference

(as recommended by the Twenty-third Annual Conference at its second plenary meeting on 10 December 2021)

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Confirmation of the nomination of the President and other officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Confirmation of the rules of procedure
5. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference
6. Organization of work including that of any subsidiary bodies of the Conference
7. General exchange of views
8. Review of the operation and status of the Protocol
9. Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of the amended Protocol
10. Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
11. Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)
12. Adoption of the estimated costs for 2023
13. Other matters
14. Consideration and adoption of the final document

Annex III

Synopsis of National Annual Reports submitted for the Twenty-third Annual Conference

Forms used

- Form A:** Dissemination of information
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation program
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information
- Form D:** Legislation
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance
- Form F:** Other relevant matters
- Form G:** Information to the UN database on mine clearance

Notes

- Standard:** Standard or normal reporting format provided
- Summary:** Summary sheet provided with (or without) the Form(s) that have changed relative to the previous report attached

<i>High Contracting Party</i>	<i>Date of submission</i>	<i>Use of the reporting format</i>	<i>Information can be made available to other High Contracting Parties</i>	<i>Substance of the reporting items: Forms used</i>							<i>Language</i>
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
Afghanistan	-										
Albania	-										
Argentina	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
Australia	06.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Austria	21.06.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Bangladesh	-										
Belarus	14.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Russian
Belgium	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Benin											
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	-										
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-										
Brazil	-										
Bulgaria	16.04.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Burkina Faso	-										
Cabo Verde	-										
Cambodia	02.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Cameroon	-										
Canada	-										
Chile	26.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
China	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chinese
Colombia	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
Costa Rica	-										
Croatia	-										
Cyprus	-										
Czech Republic	22.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Denmark	15.03.2021		Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Dominican Republic	-										
Ecuador											
El Salvador	-										
Estonia	26.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Finland	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English

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				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
France	15.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	French
Gabon	-										
Georgia	30.07.2021	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English
Germany	24.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Greece	12.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Grenada	-										
Guatemala	09.03.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Spanish
Guinea-Bissau	-										
Holy See	16.03.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Honduras	-										
Hungary	-										
Iceland	-										
India	01.07.2021	Standard	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	English
Iraq	20.04.2021	Standard	No	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Arabic
Ireland	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Israel	18.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Italy	06.05.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Jamaica	-										
Japan	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Jordan	12.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Kuwait	-										
Latvia	30.03.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Lebanon	-										
Liberia	-										
Liechtenstein	11.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Lithuania	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	English
Luxembourg	31.05.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	French
Madagascar	-										
Maldives	-										
Mali	-										
Malta	-										
Mauritius	12.04.2021	Standard	No	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Monaco	-										

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Montenegro	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Morocco	-										
Nauru	-										
Netherlands	05.07.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
New Zealand	23.04.2021	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English
Nicaragua	-										
Niger	-										
North Macedonia											
Norway	21.05.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Pakistan	-										
Panama	14.05.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Spanish
Paraguay	-										
Peru	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
Philippines	-										
Poland	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Portugal	17.05.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Republic of Korea	31.05.2021	Standard	No	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Republic of Moldova	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Romania	-										
Russian Federation	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Russian
Senegal	-										
Serbia	13.09.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Seychelles	-										
Sierra Leone	-										
Slovakia	30.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Slovenia	22.03.2021	Standard	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
South Africa	-										
Spain	18.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	Spanish
Sri Lanka											
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-										
Sweden	26.03.2021	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Switzerland	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English

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Tajikistan	-										
Tunisia	-										
Turkey	31.03.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Turkmenistan	-										
Ukraine	02.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
United States of America	29.04.2021	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Uruguay	-										
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	-										
Zambia	-										

Annex IV

List of High Contracting Parties which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by the Amended Protocol II (as of 10 December 2021)

<i>High Contracting Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Afghanistan	9 August 2017
Albania	28 August 2002
Argentina	21 October 1998
Australia	22 August 1997
Austria	27 July 1998
Bangladesh	6 September 2000
Belarus	2 March 2004
Belgium	10 March 1999
Benin	27 September 2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	21 September 2001
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 September 2000
Brazil	4 October 1999
Bulgaria	3 December 1998
Burkina Faso	26 November 2003
Cabo Verde	16 September 1997
Cambodia	25 March 1997
Cameroon	7 December 2006
Canada	5 January 1998
Chile	15 October 2003
China	4 November 1998
Colombia	6 March 2000
Costa Rica	17 December 1998
Croatia	25 April 2002
Cyprus	22 July 2003
Czech Republic	10 August 1998
Denmark	30 April 1997
Dominican Republic	21 June 2010
Ecuador	14 August 2000
El Salvador	26 January 2000
Estonia	20 April 2000

<i>High Contracting Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Finland	3 April 1998
France	23 July 1998
Gabon	22 September 2010
Georgia	8 June 2009
Germany	2 May 1997
Greece	20 January 1999
Grenada	10 December 2014
Guatemala	29 October 2001
Guinea-Bissau	6 August 2008
Holy See	22 July 1997
Honduras	30 October 2003
Hungary	30 January 1998
Iceland	22 August 2008
India	2 September 1999
Iraq	24 September 2014
Ireland	27 March 1997
Israel	30 October 2000
Italy	13 January 1999
Jamaica	25 September 2008
Japan	10 June 1997
Jordan	6 September 2000
Kuwait	24 May 2013
Latvia	22 August 2002
Lebanon	5 April 2017
Liberia	16 September 2005
Liechtenstein	19 November 1997
Lithuania	3 June 1998
Luxembourg	5 August 1999
Madagascar	14 March 2008
Maldives	7 September 2000
Mali	24 October 2001
Malta	24 September 2004
Mauritius	2 November 2018
Monaco	12 August 1997

<i>High Contracting Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Montenegro	30 December 2011
Morocco	19 March 2002
Nauru	12 November 2001
Netherlands	25 March 1999
New Zealand	8 January 1998
Nicaragua	5 December 2000
Niger	18 September 2007
North Macedonia	31 May 2005
Norway	20 April 1998
Pakistan	9 March 1999
Panama	3 November 1999
Paraguay	22 September 2004
Peru	3 July 1997
Philippines	12 June 1997
Poland	14 October 2003
Portugal	31 March 1999
Republic of Korea	9 May 2001
Republic of Moldova	16 July 2001
Romania	25 August 2003
Russian Federation	2 March 2005
Senegal	29 November 1999
Serbia	14 February 2011
Seychelles	8 June 2000
Sierra Leone	30 September 2004
Slovakia	30 November 1999
Slovenia	3 December 2002
South Africa	26 June 1998
Spain	27 January 1998
Sri Lanka	24 September 2004
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	6 December 2010
Sweden	16 July 1997
Switzerland	24 March 1998
Tajikistan	12 October 1999
Tunisia	23 March 2006

<i>High Contracting Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Turkey	2 March 2005
Turkmenistan	19 March 2004
Ukraine	15 December 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 February 1999
United States of America	24 May 1999
Uruguay	18 August 1998
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	19 April 2005
Zambia	25 September 2013

Annex V

Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices

1. The High Contracting Parties to the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) 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 (CCW), acting in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention,
2. *Express their profound concern* at the indiscriminate use and effects of improvised explosive device(s) (IED) and at the increasing global impact of IED attacks worldwide, in particular through the perpetration of terrorist acts;
3. *Express concern* also about the negative impact of these attacks on socioeconomic development, infrastructure and freedom of movement on the security and stability of States, and thus underlining the need to address this issue in order to achieve relevant goals and targets under the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development;
4. *Reaffirm* the existing prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices applicable to IED as contained in Amended Protocol II of the CCW;
5. *Acknowledge* the significant contribution of the Group of Experts of Amended Protocol II on the issue of IED, which has inter alia contributed to raising awareness of the worldwide threat posed by IED;
6. *Acknowledge* the role of the United Nations in addressing the problem of IED and welcome the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the resolutions 70/46 in 2015, 71/72 in 2016, 72/36 in 2017, 73/67 in 2018 and 75/59 in 2020 titled “Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices” as well as resolution 75/291 in 2021 titled “the United Nations global counter-terrorism strategy: seventh review”;
7. *Take note* of the reports of the Secretary-General A/73/156 and A/75/175, including the recommendations contained therein;
8. *Recognize* that addressing the threat posed by IED requires action in relevant fora, at appropriate levels and by multiple stakeholders, including through Amended Protocol II, and that such action should take into account the humanitarian, political and socio-economic and security impacts of IED;
9. *Recognize* the importance of equal opportunities for participation for both women and men in countering the threat posed by IED;
10. *Declare* that in view of their concern about the global impact of IED, the High Contracting Parties, within the context of Amended Protocol II or in appropriate domestic or international fora, and recognizing the need to avoid duplication, intend to:
 - (a) work towards the development and consolidation of coherent and coordinated national, sub-regional and regional responses as appropriate, to counter the threat posed by IED;
 - (b) take all necessary and feasible steps, including where necessary, appropriate stockpile management, to prevent the diversion of precursors, explosives and components that may be used for the manufacture of IED, and to act cooperatively;
 - (c) continue to exchange information on measures, best practices, recommendations and methods aimed at addressing the threat of IED as well as on IED attacks, on a voluntary basis and subject to national policies on the protection of sensitive information;
 - (d) continue to raise awareness and explore synergies to this end with other relevant international organisations and networks;
 - (e) pursue IED risk education campaigns, as appropriate;

(f) encourage States, the United Nations and international, regional and other organizations with relevant expertise that are in a position to do so to render to interested States, upon their request, technical, financial and material assistance aimed at strengthening the capacity of such States to counter the threat of improvised explosive devices, at the national, regional and international level.

11. *Encourage* States not yet parties to the Convention to act in accordance, where applicable, to the above paragraph of this Declaration,

12. *Declare* that the universalization and full implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, particularly Amended Protocol II, would contribute significantly to address the challenges posed by IED,

13. *Reaffirm* their determination for continuing efforts within the CCW framework, in particular the Amended Protocol II Group of Experts, to explore ways to address the global problem of IED in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention.

Annex VI

Review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II

Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) and Technical Annex to the Protocol

1. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.
2. The Conference reaffirms the commitment of the High Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures under this Protocol and to ensure the full and effective national implementation of the obligations under this Protocol.
3. The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to reduce the indiscriminate effects of the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices and to ensure that any such weapons designed or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering are never used.
4. The Conference welcomes the decision by the Tenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2008, in the framework of revitalizing the work under Amended Protocol II and to further enhance its implementation, to establish an informal open-ended Group of Experts.
5. The Conference notes with satisfaction the activities conducted by the annual meetings of the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to review the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13, paragraph 4 of Amended Protocol II and the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines, as well as the issue of Improvised Explosive Device(s) (IED).
6. The Conference takes note of the annual reporting obligations of the High Contracting Parties under Amended Protocol II, and calls on the High Contracting Parties to fulfil these obligations in a timely, consistent and complete manner.
7. The Conference notes with satisfaction the continued substantive discussions on IED which provided the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II the opportunity to engage actively on a topic relevant to the provisions of Amended Protocol II and their implementation. It has been the focus of the High Contracting Parties since 2009 to share experience on the scale of the humanitarian harm caused by IED and to consider efforts at the national, regional and international levels to defeat and prevent the unlawful use of IED and to reduce their indiscriminate effects through:
 - (a) Maintaining a compilation of existing technical guidelines, best practices, and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials which can be used for IED;
 - (b) Exchanging information on technical developments relevant to mitigating the threat posed by IED and the impact on civilians; and on risk awareness/public education campaigns;
 - (c) Exchanging information on IED incidents, and exploring solutions for automated information exchange, such as databases, portals or platforms;
 - (d) Keeping all High Contracting Parties apprised of all IED-relevant developments on other fora, so as to enable unity of actions;
 - (e) Agreeing on, and later updating, a one-time voluntary questionnaire with a view to enhancing information sharing, international cooperation and assistance and strengthening national capacities of the High Contracting Parties in mitigating the problem of IED, including through the establishment of a network of national points of contact.
8. The Conference recognizes the importance of a balanced involvement of women and men in the Group of Experts in support of its efforts to address the threats posed by IED.

9. The Conference welcomes the updated Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices adopted by the Twenty-third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.
10. The Conference notes with satisfaction the decision by the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to analyse the different reporting forms each year to improve the quality of reporting and of the information contained in the forms submitted.
11. The Conference also takes note of the decision by the Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2010 to synchronize the submission of the national annual reports with the submission of national reports under Protocol V to the Convention. The submission date for both reports was set at 31st March of every year to allow for their consideration by the Group of Experts.
12. The Conference notes the consultations undertaken by the President-designate of the 21st Annual Conference of the HCP with delegations on possibilities to include discussions on good practices in the implementation of the Protocol with regard to Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines in particular with regard to the protection of civilians. The Conference also notes that divergent views remain among delegations on the need to continue the consideration of Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines in the framework of Amended Protocol II.
13. The Conference notes with satisfaction that, in accordance with Article 13 of Amended Protocol II, twenty-two Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II have been held for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the Protocol. The 22nd Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II, originally planned to be held in 2020, was not convened in view of extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.
14. The Conference recalls that the deferral period provided for in paragraphs 2 (c) and 3 (c) of the Technical Annex, which allows High Contracting Parties to defer compliance with the requirements of Article 4 on detectability of anti-personnel mines and of Article 5 on self-destruction and self-deactivation of anti-personnel mines, expired on 3 December 2007.
15. The Conference acknowledges the valuable work of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations; the International Committee of the Red Cross pursuant to its mandate to assist war victims; the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining; international and regional governmental organizations as well as of non-governmental organizations in a number of fields relevant to Amended Protocol II, in particular the care and rehabilitation of mine victims, the implementation of mine-awareness programmes and mine clearance.
16. The Conference recommends that future Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II be held back-to-back with Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and the Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.

Annex VII

List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
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CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/3/Corr.1	Estimated Costs 2022 Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II. Corrigendum
CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/4	Estimated Costs 2022 Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II
CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/4/Corr.1	Estimated Costs 2022 Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II. Corrigendum
CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/5	Questionnaire to facilitate greater information sharing and cooperation on Countering Improvised Explosive Devices
CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/6	Final Document
CCW/AP.II/CONF.23/CRP.1	Draft final document
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