

**SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE STATES 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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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Article 13 of Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Amended Protocol II) adopted on 3 May 1996 by the Review Conference of the States Parties 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 States 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 Fifth Annual Conference held on 26 November 2003 agreed to recommend to the Sixth Annual Conference a provisional agenda as contained in Annex IV of the Final Document of the Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2). It also considered the estimated costs of the Sixth Annual Conference and recommended them for adoption at the time of the Conference in 2004 (CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2, Annex V). The Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, held on 27 and 28 November 2003, decided that the Sixth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II might begin on 17 November 2004.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

3. The Sixth Annual Conference was opened on 17 November 2004 by the Deputy-Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Mr. Enrique Román-Morey.

4. The Conference held two plenary meetings. At its first plenary meeting, on 17 November 2004, the Conference confirmed the nomination of Ambassador Carlos Antonio da Rocha Paranhos of Brazil as President of the Sixth Annual Conference. It also confirmed the nominations of Ambassador Hu Xiaodi of China, Ambassador Doru-Romulus Costea of Romania, and Ambassador Christian Faessler of Switzerland as Vice-Presidents.

5. Also at its first plenary meeting, the Conference appointed Mr. Peter Kolarov, Political Affairs Officer, Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, as Secretary-General of the Conference. Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Political Affairs Officer, Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, served as Secretary of the Sixth Annual Conference.

6. The following States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II participated in the work of the Conference: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

7. The following States Signatories to the Convention also participated in the work of the Conference: Egypt, Iceland and Turkey.
8. The following States not parties to Amended Protocol II participated as observers: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Oman, Qatar, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Sri Lanka.
9. The representatives of United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) also participated in the work of the Conference.
10. The representatives of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), European Commission, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), , American Bar Association, Handicap International (France), Human Rights Watch, Landmine Action UK, Pax Christi Netherlands attended public meetings of the Conference.

### **WORK OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

11. At its first plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in Annex I, and noted that the Rules of Procedure for Annual Conferences of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II, adopted at the First Annual Conference held in 1999 and amended on 11 December 2002, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/2, together with the statement of the President which had been made in connection with the adoption of these Rules of Procedure, were applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Sixth Annual Conference.
12. Also at that meeting the Conference decided to conduct its work in plenary meetings.
13. At the same meeting the Conference adopted the arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference, as contained in document CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2, Annex V.
14. At the same meeting the Conference received a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations that was delivered by the Deputy-Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. Enrique Román-Morey.
15. The following delegations participated in the general exchange of views: [Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), China, India, ...]. Representatives of [...] also took the floor. The statements made during the general exchange of views are reflected in the summary records of the Conference, which will be issued at a later date.
16. During the course of the Conference, the delegation of China delivered an audio-visual presentation entitled "China's Mine Action".
17. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Protocol, the Conference had before it 49 national annual reports from the following States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India,

Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The reports contained information on:

- (a) dissemination of information on the Protocol to armed forces and to the civilian populations;
- (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.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

18. At its second plenary meeting, the Conference decided to issue an appeal to all States that had not yet done so to take all measures to accede to Amended Protocol II as soon as possible. The appeal is contained in Annex II.

19. The Conference recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of Amended Protocol II, and the President of the 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 to consider reporting to the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly on his endeavours. The Conference also called on the High Contracting Parties to promote wider adherence to Amended Protocol II in their respective regions.

20. In light of the decision taken at the Fourth Annual Conference in 2002 to designate the President and Vice-Presidents at the end of the conference in order to assure the continuity of the preparatory work by the presidency, the Conference decided to nominate the representative of Switzerland as President-designate of the Seventh Annual Conference of the States Parties to be held in 2005 and representatives of China, Czech Republic and [...] as Vice-Presidents-designate.

21. The Conference addressed the issue of holding the Seventh Annual Conference in 2005 and decided that the issues of the dates and duration would be addressed at the Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held on 18 and 19 November 2004. The Conference decided that a preparatory meeting for the Seventh Annual Conference was not required. The Conference agreed to recommend to the Seventh Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in Annex III. It also considered the estimated costs of the Seventh Annual Conference

and recommended them for adoption at the time of the Conference in 2005, as contained in Annex IV.

22. At its second plenary meeting, the Sixth Annual Conference adopted its report as contained in document CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/3.

Annex I

Agenda of the Sixth Annual Conference  
(as adopted at the first plenary meeting on 17 November 2004)

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. Adoption of arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference
7. Organization of work including that of any subsidiary bodies of the Conference
8. General exchange of views
9. Review of the operation and status of the Protocol
10. Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Amended Protocol II
11. Consideration of the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines
12. Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)
13. Other matters
14. Consideration and adoption of the final documents

Annex II

An Appeal of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention  
on the Occasion of the Sixth Annual Conference

We, the States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II to the CCW, meeting in Geneva on 17 November 2004 for our Sixth 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 States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II;

*Welcome* the fact that, since the First Annual Conference held in December 1999, 35 more States have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II, thus bringing the total number of States which have adhered to this Protocol to 80;

*Emphasize* the importance of achieving the widest possible adherence to Amended Protocol II;

*Urge* all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to accede to it as soon as possible.

Annex III

Provisional Agenda of the Seventh Annual Conference

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. Adoption of arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference
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Annex IV

ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE STATES  
PARTIES TO AMENDED PROTOCOL II TO THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN  
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

[TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SECRETARIAT]

Annex V

List of States Which Have Notified the Depositary of Their Consent to be Bound  
by Amended Protocol II to the Convention  
(As of 15 November 2004)

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Albania                | 41. Latvia  |
| 2. Argentina              | 42. Liechtenstein   |
| 3. Australia              | 43. Lithuania   |
| 4. Austria                | 44. Luxembourg  |
| 5. Bangladesh             | 45. Maldives  |
| 6. Belarus                | 46. Mali  |
| 7. Belgium                | 47. Malta   |
| 8. Bolivia                | 48. Monaco  |
| 9. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 49. Morocco   |
| 10. Brazil                | 50. Nauru   |
| 11. Bulgaria              | 51. Netherlands   |
| 12. Burkina Faso          | 52. New Zealand   |
| 13. Cambodia              | 53. Nicaragua   |
| 14. Canada                | 54. Norway  |
| 15. Cape Verde            | 55. Pakistan  |
| 16. Chile                 | 56. Panama  |
| 17. China                 | 57. Paraguay  |
| 18. Colombia              | 58. Peru  |
| 19. Costa Rica            | 59. Philippines   |
| 20. Croatia               | 60. Poland  |
| 21. Cyprus                | 61. Portugal  |
| 22. Czech Republic        | 62. Republic of Korea                                       |
| 23. Denmark               | 63. Republic of Moldova                                     |
| 24. Ecuador               | 64. Romania   |
| 25. El Salvador           | 65. Senegal   |
| 26. Estonia               | 66. Seychelles  |
| 27. Finland               | 67. Sierra Leone  |
| 28. France                | 68. Slovakia  |
| 29. Germany               | 69. Slovenia  |
| 30. Greece                | 70. South Africa  |
| 31. Guatemala             | 71. Spain   |
| 32. Holy See              | 72. Sri Lanka   |
| 33. Honduras              | 73. Sweden  |
| 34. Hungary               | 74. Switzerland   |
| 35. India                 | 75. Tajikistan  |
| 36. Ireland               | 76. Turkmenistan  |
| 37. Israel                | 77. Ukraine   |
| 38. Italy                 | 78. United Kingdom of Great<br>Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 39. Japan                 | 79. United States of America                                |
| 40. Jordan                | 80. Uruguay   |

Annex VI

List of National Annual Reports  
submitted in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 4 and Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Protocol

**[as of 17 November 2004]**

(Listed in the order received by the Secretariat)

CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.1	Morocco
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.2	Argentina
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.3	Australia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.4	New Zealand
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.5	Czech Republic
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.6	Liechtenstein
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.7	Bulgaria
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.8	Norway
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.9	Sweden
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.10	Germany
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.11	Republic of Korea
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.12	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.13	Japan
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.14	Switzerland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.15	Poland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.16	Slovakia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.17	Portugal
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.18	Latvia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.19	Pakistan
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.20	Philippines
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.21	South Africa
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.22	Estonia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.23	Slovenia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.24	India
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.25	Finland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.26	Canada
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.27	Bangladesh
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.28	Hungary
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.29	Belgium
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.30	Guatemala
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.31	Senegal
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.32	France
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.33	Lithuania
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.34	Austria
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.35	Denmark
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.36	Croatia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.37	Luxembourg

CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.38	Holy See
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.39	Netherlands
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.40	Israel
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.41	Italy
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.42	Spain
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.43	Ireland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.44	China
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.45	Romania
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/NAR.46	Brazil

The Secretariat also received national annual reports without the electronic version from the following States: Belarus, Cyprus, Jordan

[TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SECRETARIAT]

Annex VII

List of Documents

CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/1	Provisional Agenda of the Sixth Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/2	Rules of Procedure (as amended on 11 December 2002)
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/3	Report of the Sixth Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/INF.1	National Replies of United Nations Member States to the Appeal for the Universality of Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/INF.2	List of Participants
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/CRP.1	Draft Report of the Sixth Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/L.1	Estimated costs of the Seventh Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/SR.1	Summary record of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/SR.2	Summary record of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting
CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/MISC.1	Provisional List of Participants

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