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**Consideration and adoption of the final documents**

## **DRAFT REPORT OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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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 Sixth Annual Conference held on 17 November 2004 agreed to recommend to the Seventh Annual Conference a provisional agenda as contained in Annex III of the Final Document of the Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/3). It also considered the estimated costs of the Seventh Annual Conference and recommended them for adoption at the time of the Conference in 2005 (CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/3, Annex IV). The Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, held on 18 and 19 November 2004, decided that the Seventh Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II be held on 23 November 2005.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

3. The Seventh Annual Conference was opened on 23 November 2005 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 23 November 2005, the Conference confirmed the nomination of Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland as President of the Seventh Annual Conference. It also confirmed the nominations of Ambassador Hu Xiaodi of China, Ambassador Alexander Slabý of Czech Republic and Ambassador Mousa Burayzat of Jordan 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 Seventh 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: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

7. The following State Signatory to the Convention also participated in the work of the Conference: Egypt.

8. The following States not parties to Amended Protocol II participated as observers: Azerbaijan, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Qatar, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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 European Commission, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), American Bar Association, Human Rights Watch, International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), Landmine Action, and Pax Christi International, attended public meetings of the Conference.

### **WORK OF THE SEVENTH 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 Seventh 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.6/3, Annex IV.

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: [...]. 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 a video presentation entitled "China's Mine Action in 2005".

17. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Protocol, the Conference had before it [60] national annual reports from the following States: [...]. 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 States 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 61<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly on his endeavours. The Conference also called on the States 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 [...] as President-designate of the Eighth Annual Conference of the States Parties to be held in 2006 and representatives of China, [...] and [...] as Vice-Presidents-designate.

21. The Conference addressed the issue of holding the Eighth Annual Conference in 2006 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 24 and 25 November 2005. The Conference decided that a preparatory meeting for the Eighth Annual Conference was not required. The Conference agreed to recommend to the Eighth Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in Annex III. It also considered the estimated costs of the Eighth Annual Conference and recommended them for adoption at the time of the Conference in 2006, as contained in Annex IV.

22. At its second plenary meeting, the Seventh Annual Conference adopted its report as contained in document CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/AP.II/CONF.6/3.

Annex I

Agenda of the Seventh Annual Conference  
(as adopted at the first plenary meeting on 23 November 2005)

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 Seventh 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 23 November 2005 for our Seventh 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, 40 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 85;

*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 Eighth 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
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Annex IV

ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE EIGHTH 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 22 November 2005)

1. Albania	31. Guatemala	61. Poland
2. Argentina	32. Holy See	62. Portugal
3. Australia	33. Honduras	63. Republic of Korea
4. Austria	34. Hungary	64. Republic of Moldova
5. Bangladesh	35. India	65. Romania
6. Belarus	36. Ireland	66. Russian Federation
7. Belgium	37. Israel	67. Senegal
8. Bolivia	38. Italy	68. Seychelles
9. Bosnia and Herzegovina	39. Japan	69. Sierra Leone
10. Brazil	40. Jordan	70. Slovakia
11. Bulgaria	41. Latvia	71. Slovenia
12. Burkina Faso	42. Liberia	72. South Africa
13. Cambodia	43. Liechtenstein	73. Spain
14. Canada	44. Lithuania	74. Sri Lanka
15. Cape Verde	45. Luxembourg	75. Sweden
16. Chile	46. Maldives	76. Switzerland
17. China	47. Mali	77. Tajikistan
18. Colombia	48. Malta	78. The former Yugoslav Republic of
19. Costa Rica	49. Monaco	Macedonia
20. Croatia	50. Morocco	79. Turkey
21. Cyprus	51. Nauru	80. Turkmenistan
22. Czech Republic	52. Netherlands	81. Ukraine
23. Denmark	53. New Zealand	82. United Kingdom of Great Britain and
24. Ecuador	54. Nicaragua	Northern Ireland
25. El Salvador	55. Norway	83. United States of America
26. Estonia	56. Pakistan	84. Uruguay
27. Finland	57. Panama	85. Venezuela
28. France	58. Paraguay	
29. Germany	59. Peru	
30. Greece	60. Philippines	

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 22 November 2005]**

(Listed in the order received by the Secretariat)

CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.1	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.2	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.3	Albania
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.4	Cambodia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.5	Malta
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.6	Belarus
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.7	Liechtenstein
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.8	Estonia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.9	Spain
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.10	Portugal
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.11	Poland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.12	Germany
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.13	Japan
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.14	Netherlands
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.15	Switzerland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.16	Morocco
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.17	Latvia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.18	Czech Republic
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.19	Finland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.20	Slovakia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.21	Argentina
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.22	Croatia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.23	Australia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.24	Turkey
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.25	France
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.26	Canada
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.27	Republic of Korea
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.28	Austria
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.29	Luxembourg
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.30	Norway
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.31	Hungary
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.32	Ireland
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.33	Bulgaria
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.34	Brazil
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.35	Slovenia
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.36	Monaco
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.37	India

CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.38  
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CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.40  
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.41  
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.42  
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.43  
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.44  
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/NAR.45

China  
Pakistan  
Sweden  
Cyprus  
Holy See  
New Zealand  
Israel  
Russian Federation

The Secretariat also received national annual reports without the electronic version from the following States: [Belgium, Chile, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Romania, South Africa, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United States of America]

[TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SECRETARIAT]

Annex VII

List of Documents

CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/1	Provisional Agenda of the Seventh Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/2	Report of the Seventh Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/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.7/INF.2	List of Participants
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/CRP.1	Draft Report of the Seventh Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/L.1	Estimated costs of the Eighth Annual Conference
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/SR.1	Summary record of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/SR.2	Summary record of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting
CCW/AP.II/CONF.7/MISC.1	Provisional List of Participants

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