

**THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
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RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT
OF THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING
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Presented by Germany and Sweden

1. In Part II, Final Declaration, *insert* two new operative paragraphs to read:

 Their reaffirmation of the recognition by the First and the Second Review Conferences of the need for a total prohibition of blinding laser weapons, the use and transfer of which are prohibited in Protocol IV,

 Their recognition of the importance of keeping the blinding effects related to the use of laser systems under consideration, taking into account scientific and technological developments,¹

¹ Same language as in the Final Declaration of the Second Review Conference.

2. Part II, Review, Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV), *should read:*

The Conference takes note of the provisions of this Protocol. [CCW/CONF.II/2, review of Protocol IV]

The Conference highlights the importance, in light of new technical developments in the field of laser technology since the adoption of Protocol IV, of taking all feasible precautions to avoid the incidence of permanent blindness to unenhanced vision in the employment of military laser systems.
