
**Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties
to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War 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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President: Mr. Woolcott.....(Australia)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.10 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of the final document (CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/CRP.1; non-paper by the secretariat containing amendments to the preceding document, circulated in the meeting room in English only).

1. **The President** drew attention to the draft final document of the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/CRP.1) and to the non-paper containing amendments thereto, and invited the Conference to consider the draft final document cluster by cluster and, where necessary, paragraph by paragraph, before adopting the text as a whole. He explained that once the final document had been adopted, the secretariat would prepare a cover page containing the table of contents and the list of annexes.

Chapters I, II and III (paras. 1–27)

2. *Chapters I, II and III, corresponding to paragraphs 1 to 27, were adopted.*

Chapter IV

Section A (paras. 28 and 29)

3. *Section A, corresponding to paragraphs 28 and 29, was adopted with a minor editorial change.*

4. **The President** drew attention to the non-paper containing paragraphs 30 to 49, which were either new or modified and concerned the conclusions and recommendations of the Conference.

Sections B, C, D, E, F, G and H (paras. 30–41)

5. *Sections B, C, D, E, F, G and H, corresponding to paragraphs 30 to 41, were adopted.*

Section I (paras. 42 and 43)

Paragraph 42

6. *Paragraph 42 was adopted with a minor editorial change.*

Paragraph 43

7. **The President** announced that Ms. Drexler (Germany) would serve as Coordinator on clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war and Mr. Gill (India) as Coordinator on national reporting, and that Ms. Karner (Austria), assisted by Ms. Žunec Brandt (Croatia), would continue to serve as Coordinator on victim assistance, Mr. O'Shea (Ireland) as Coordinator on cooperation and assistance and requests for assistance, Mr. Somogyi (Hungary) as Coordinator on the web-based information system for Protocol V and Mr. Steinmyller (France) as Coordinator on generic preventive measures.

8. *Paragraph 43 was adopted.*

Paragraphs 44–46

9. *Paragraphs 44 to 46 were adopted.*

Paragraph 47

10. **The President** suggested deleting paragraph 47, which should not appear in chapter IV of the final document.

11. *It was so decided.*

Paragraphs 48 and 49

12. *Paragraphs 48 and 49 were adopted with minor editorial changes.*

13. *The draft final document of the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

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14. **The President**, summarizing the achievements of the past two days, said that the universalization of the Protocol remained central to its effectiveness. He particularly welcomed the steps that Brazil and Poland were taking towards becoming parties to the Protocol and the fact that, since the previous Conference, eight States had expressed their consent to be bound by the Protocol.

15. The Conference had heard from several States about the activities they were undertaking in the area of international cooperation and assistance, which were key to the implementation of the Protocol because they enabled the High Contracting Parties to meet their obligations, as demonstrated by the informative presentation by Ukraine. The increased attention given to the issue through the appointment of a dedicated coordinator should help to highlight the central role of international cooperation and assistance.

16. Clearance of explosive remnants of war remained one of the core issues under Protocol V, and he welcomed the decision to continue examining that topic in detail. The Conference had also underlined the importance of strict and effective implementation of article 4 and had agreed to pursue the exchange of information on national practices in applying the article and to continue to review the adequacy and usefulness of the generic electronic template, which could be an effective tool for recording and preserving information. He wished to encourage the High Contracting Parties to share their experiences in implementing article 4 at the meeting of experts in 2011. They were also encouraged to make use of the Implementation Support Unit of the secretariat of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons to help with collecting and transmitting information pursuant to article 4.

17. It was important for the High Contracting Parties to submit their national reports on time. Those reports were a very useful tool to promote implementation, bolster mutual confidence and assist with resource mobilization. The Conference had adopted the guide to national reporting under Protocol V, which could assist States in providing the required information in a comprehensive manner.

18. The Conference had adopted the guide for the implementation of part 3 of the technical annex, which would help High Contracting Parties to clarify various issues, establish best practices and also monitor and improve generic preventive measures aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war. He looked forward to hearing reports from States on their use of those guidelines at the next meeting of experts.

19. The Conference had agreed to continue its consideration of victim assistance, including with the assistance of a coordinator. It had also taken a very positive step by agreeing to create a page dedicated to victim assistance on the Protocol V website. The sharing of information on that topic would do much to enhance understanding of the challenges that remained regarding victim assistance.

20. After welcoming the collegiality shown throughout the Conference and thanking all the delegations, the secretariat, the interpreters, the conference services staff and the précis writers for their cooperation, he declared the Conference closed.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.