

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
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REPORT OF MAIN COMMITTEE I

1. 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, at its first plenary meeting, on 25 September 1995, decided to entrust Main Committee I with the mandate to "review the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, to consider any proposal relating to the Convention and to prepare and consider the final documents."

2. The Committee held 8 formal meetings and a number of informal meetings from 28 September to 13 October 1995, under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Tibor Tóth of Hungary. Ambassador Jaap Ramaker of the Netherlands served as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. During the period 25 September to 13 October 1995, Mrs Hannelore Hoppe, Senior Political Affairs Officer of the United Nations Centre for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee.

3. In the course of its consideration of items 13 and 14, respectively, of the agenda of the Review Conference, entitled "Review of the scope of operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols" and "Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols", the Committee had before it the following documents:

CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.1	Compilation of proposals
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.2	Compilation of proposals
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.3	Compilation of proposals
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.4	Draft Final Declaration
and Rev. 1	
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.5	Draft Report of Main Committee I

4. In the course of its deliberations in Vienna, the Committee had before it a number of proposals regarding the review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols as well as proposals for amendments of the Convention. At its sixth meeting on 11 October 1995, the Chairman of the Committee submitted a paper (CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.4 and Rev.1) with a view to reaching consensus on a draft Final Declaration of the Conference.

5. At its 8th meeting on 11 October 1995, the Committee decided to submit, for further consideration by the Conference, the draft Final Declaration which was later issued as document CCW/CONF.I/WP.1 dated 11 October 1995.

6. During the Second Resumed Session held in Geneva from 22 April to 3 May 1996 the Committee held 9 additional formal meetings and a considerable number of informal meetings and private consultations. Ambassador Tibor Tóth of Hungary continued as Chairman of the Committee. Mr Vladimir Bogomolov, Political Affairs Officer of the United Nations Centre for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee.

7. During the Second Resumed Session, the Committee continued consideration of the Draft Final Declaration CCW/CONF.I/WP.1 with the view to its finalization. In the course of its deliberations the Committee had before it a number of proposals related to the Draft Final Declaration and Protocol II as presented in the following documents:

CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.6	Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration Concerning Protocol II
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.7	Additional Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration Concerning Protocol II
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.8	Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.9	Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.10	Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.11	Compilation of Proposals for the Final Declaration
CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.12	Draft Report of Main Committee I

8. At its 9th meeting on 1 May 1996, the Committee adopted the draft report (CCW/CONF.I/MC.I/CRP.12) as well as the Draft Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.I/WP.1/Rev.1) and recommended these documents for the approval and adoption by the Conference.