

Meeting of the High Contracting 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

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Final report

I. Introduction

1. The Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting 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) held from 12 to 16 December 2016 at Geneva decided, as contained in Decision 1 of its Final Document (CCW/CONF.V/10, Part II, Final Declaration, Section III):

- To establish an open-ended Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention, which shall meet for a period of ten days in 2017, adhering to the agreed recommendations contained in document CCW/CONF.V/2, and to submit a report to the 2017 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention consistent with those recommendations.
- The GGE will hold its first session from 24 to 28 April 2017¹ or from 21 to 25 August 2017,² and its second session from 13 to 17 November 2017 in Geneva.
- The GGE will be chaired by Ambassador Amandeep Singh Gill of India.

2. The Fifth Review Conference decided as contained in Decisions 2 to 4 that the following issues will be included in the agenda of the 2017 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2017: “Protocol III”, “Mines Other than Anti-Personnel Mines”, and “Consideration of how developments in the field of science and technology relevant to the Convention may be addressed under the Convention”. The Fifth Review Conference also decided in Decision 5 to “invite the Chairperson elect to conduct consultations with a view to including on the agenda of the 2017 annual meeting of the High Contracting Parties the item “Strengthening the respect for International Humanitarian Law and addressing, in the context and objectives of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, the challenges presented by the use of conventional arms in armed conflicts and their impact on civilians, particularly in areas where there are concentrations of civilians.””

3. The Fifth Review Conference also decided, as set out in Decision 6, to “include on the agenda of the annual Meetings of the High Contracting Parties the item “Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols” and to consider at the next such meeting efficiency and cost saving measures and a report to be prepared by the Chairperson-elect in consultation with High Contracting Parties, the Implementation

¹ Provided that all of the financial and budgetary conditions are met by 1 March 2017.

² In case the meeting scheduled for 24-28 April 2017 could not be convened.



Support Unit and United Nations Financial Resources Management Service on working within the Enterprise Resource Planning System (UMOJA), and to invite the Implementation Support Unit to present to each such meeting a biennial budget for consideration by High Contracting Parties”.

4. The Fifth Review Conference also decided, as set out in paragraph 17 of the Final Document, “officeholders of the CCW, Protocol V and Amended Protocol II are to *promote* universalization of the Convention and its Protocols, and specifically to *address* States not party, coordinate their activities giving consideration, inter alia, to the elaboration of an action plan and, under the Standing Agenda Item on Universalization of the annual Meeting of High Contracting Parties, to *report* on their efforts and the progress made in this area.”

5. The Fifth Review Conference, as set out in paragraph 22 of the Final Document, called on High Contracting Parties “to submit compliance reports. The Chairperson of the annual Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention is *tasked* with encouraging higher rates of compliance reporting and is required to *report* on his or her efforts in fulfilment of this task under the Standing Agenda Item on Compliance of the annual Meeting of High Contracting Parties”.

6. The Fifth Review Conference also decided, as set out in Decision 8, to “continue the Sponsorship Programme” and in paragraph 25 that, “The Steering Committee of the Sponsorship Programme is to continue to *report* on its activities and finances each year to the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties”.

7. The Fifth Review Conference requested, as set out in paragraph 26 of the Final Document, that the Implementation Support Unit “in its annual report to the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to continue to report on the estimated costs versus the actual costs of the meetings and conferences of the preceding year.”

8. The Fifth Review Conference also decided to organize in 2017, as set out in Decision 9, the “Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention from 22 to 24 November 2017” and in Part I, paragraph 32, elected Ambassador Matthew Rowland of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Chairperson.

II. Organization of and participation in the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties

9. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention was held in Geneva from 22 to 24 November 2017. The Meeting was opened on 22 November 2017 by the Chairperson-elect, Ambassador Matthew Rowland of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who was confirmed as Chairperson during the same session.

10. At the same plenary session, the Meeting confirmed the nomination of Ms. Anja Kaspersen, Director of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Geneva Branch, as Secretary-General of the Meeting. Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Head of the Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary of the Meeting and was assisted by Ms. Hine-Wai Loose, Implementation Support Unit. Mr. Reint Vogelaar, Associate Political Affairs Officer, Ms. Melanie Gerber, Associate Political Affairs Officer, Ms. María José Orellana Alfaro, Documents Management Assistant and Ms. Nadiya Dzyubynska, Staff Assistant, served in the Secretariat.

11. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Lebanon, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden,

Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

12. The following signatory States participated in the work of the Meeting: Egypt and Sudan.

13. The following observer delegations participated in the work of the Meeting: Ghana, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Thailand, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

14. The representatives of the following organizations participated in the work of the Meeting: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

15. The following non-governmental organizations and entities participated in the work of the Meeting: Article 36, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, HALO Trust, Handicap International, Human Rights Now, Human Rights Watch, Mines Advisory Group, Norwegian People's Aid, PAX, World Council of Churches, James Madison University and University of Melbourne.

III. Work of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties

16. Further to his consultations in respect of Decision 5 of the Fifth Review Conference, the Chairperson presented a revised provisional agenda as contained in document CCW/MSP/2017/1/Rev.1 dated 18 October 2017. There was no consensus on this revised provisional agenda and the Meeting adopted the agenda contained in CCW/MSP/2017/1 dated 22 August 2017. The Meeting adopted its programme of work (CCW/MSP/2017/5) and confirmed the Rules of the Procedure (CCW/CONF.V/4). In confirming the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting suspended Rule 3. The Meeting held six sessions.

17. The Report on Universalization of the Convention and its Protocols and the Implementation Support Unit (CCW/MSP/2017/7) was presented by the Head of the Implementation Support Unit, Mr. Bantan Nugroho. The Report of the Sponsorship Programme (CCW/MSP/2017/6) was presented by the Coordinator of the Steering Committee of the Programme, Ms. Riia Salsa of Estonia.

18. The Meeting received a message from the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, which was delivered by the Director of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Ms. Anja Kaspersen.

19. The following delegations participated in the general exchange of views: Algeria, Austria, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, European Union, UNMAS on behalf of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordinating Group on Mine Action, ICRC, Article 36 and Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.

20. The Chairperson of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, Ambassador Amandeep Singh Gill of India, presented the report of the Group. The following delegations participated in the discussion on this matter: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

21. Pursuant to Decision 6 of the Fifth Review Conference, the Chairperson presented his Report titled "Report of the Chair pursuant to Decision 6 of the Fifth Review

Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons” (CCW/MSP/2017/2). The Meeting also received presentations from Mr. Hans Baritt, Chief of the Financial Resources Management Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) and Ms. Anja Kaspersen on the financial situation of the CCW. The following delegations participated in the discussion on this matter: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France (on behalf of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

22. The following delegations participated in the discussion on Protocol III: Austria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United States of America, Zambia, ICRC and Human Rights Watch.

23. The following delegations participated in the discussion on Mines Other than Anti-Personnel Mines (MOTAPM): Afghanistan, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, France, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America, ICRC and GICHD.

24. The following delegations participated in the discussion on “Consideration of how developments in the field of science and technology relevant to the Convention may be addressed under the Convention”: Brazil, Costa Rica, France, India, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America and Article 36.

25. The following delegations spoke on Decision 5 of the Fifth Review Conference under the agenda item “Other matters”: Austria, Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, ICRC and Human Rights Watch on behalf of the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW).

26. In accordance with the call on High Contracting Parties to submit national annual reports on compliance at the Fifth Review Conference, the Meeting had before it national annual reports from the following High Contracting Parties: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

27. During the course of the Meeting, the following documents were considered: CCW/MSP/2017/1/1 to CCW/MSP/2017/8 as listed in Annex II.

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

28. The Meeting welcomed the report on promoting universality of the Convention and its Protocols and reaffirmed their commitment to achieving universal adherence to, and compliance with, the Convention, the amendment to Article 1, and its Protocols.

29. The Meeting recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Chairperson-elect of the 2018 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of the Convention and its Protocols.

30. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme and the work of its Steering Committee. The Meeting recognized the value and

importance of the Sponsorship Programme for promoting universalization and strengthening the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, enhancing the cooperation and exchange of information among the High Contracting Parties and States not yet party, and ensuring broader geographical representation at meetings of the Convention. The Meeting called upon all High Contracting Parties and States not yet party to the Convention in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme.

31. The Meeting emphasized once again the importance of compliance with the provisions of the Convention and its Protocols by all High Contracting Parties, their commitment to fully implement the provisions enshrined therein, and their determination to consult and cooperate with each other in order to facilitate the full implementation of the obligations contained in the Convention and its Protocols to which they are party, thereby promoting compliance.

32. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to the Compliance Mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols. Further, the Meeting reiterated the call for all High Contracting Parties to submit national compliance reports in accordance with the decision taken at the Fifth Review Conference to enhance the implementation of the Compliance Mechanism.

33. The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation for the Report of the Implementation Support Unit and the work carried out by the Unit. The meeting requested the Implementation Support Unit to continue to report annually on its activities, including on its estimated costs and actual costs.

34. The Meeting noted the Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (CCW/GGE.1/2017/3), welcomed the “Conclusions and recommendations” contained therein and decided that:

- The Group of Governmental Experts related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons shall meet for a duration of ten days in 2018 in Geneva in accordance with Decision 1 of the Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention (CCW/CONF.V/10), consistent with CCW/CONF.V/2.³
- The Rules of Procedure of the Review Conference shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Group. The Group shall conduct its work and adopt its report by consensus which shall be submitted to the 2018 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention. The widest possible participation of all High Contracting Parties is to be promoted in accordance with the goals of the CCW Sponsorship Programme.
- The Group will continue to be chaired by Ambassador Amandeep Singh Gill of India without prejudice to the principle of geographical rotation.

35. The Meeting noted the concerns raised by a number of High Contracting Parties over the recent growing number of reports of the use of incendiary weapons against civilians and condemned any use of incendiary weapons against civilians or civilian objects, and any other use incompatible with the relevant rules of international humanitarian law, including the provisions of Protocol III where applicable. The Meeting reaffirmed the importance of Protocol III on Incendiary Weapons and called for the Protocol’s universalization and full implementation. The Meeting decided to retain the agenda item “Protocol III”.

36. The Meeting requested the Chairperson-elect to hold an informal open consultation on how best to address the continuing differences of views on “Mines Other than Anti-Personnel Mines” and to report to High Contracting Parties in 2018.

37. The Meeting agreed to place on the agenda of its next meeting the item “Emerging Issues in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention” and invited High

³ The schedule of meetings shall be decided in light of the financial situation.

Contracting Parties to submit no later than six weeks in advance of that meeting working papers on issues they intend to raise.

38. The Meeting noted the report of the Chairperson pursuant to Decision 6 of the Fifth Review Conference and agreed on the following financial measures to improve the financial situation of the Convention, the implementation of which will be kept under regular review:

Application

I. These financial measures concern meetings of High Contracting Parties to the Convention and to its annexed Protocols, and any subsidiary bodies those meetings may establish, as well as the funding of the Secretariat in relation to those meetings.

Financial period

II. The financial period shall be 12 months from 1 January to 31 December.

Preparation and agreement of budget estimates

III. The costs of preparing and holding meetings of High Contracting Parties or any subsidiary bodies they may establish, as referred to in Measure I, shall comprise:

(a) The costs of the: meeting venue; documentation, including translation; in-session interpretation; any summary records; conference equipment and supplies; IT support; and other associated services;

(b) The costs of the Secretariat's activities, recognising that these activities are to be performed by the Implementation Support Unit according to the decision in this regard of the 2009 Meeting of High Contracting Parties.

IV. All meetings should be paper-less, except for decision documents and drafts of final reports of which a limited number of copies shall be provided and conference service staffing adjusted accordingly.

V. The Secretariat shall submit two sets of budget estimates to all High Contracting Parties at least 10 days before the opening of the meeting of High Contracting Parties at which the budgets are to be considered for adoption as follows:

(a) A set of Year 1 budgets for the next financial period, to be considered for adoption as an operational budget;

(b) A set of Year 2 budgets for the financial period immediately following the next financial period, to be considered for adoption as a preliminary budget.

VI. If the Chairperson of the meeting of High Contracting Parties at which the budgets are to be adopted deems a decision to be taken by the meeting would have significant financial implications, the Chairperson will request that a report be prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the meeting in a timely manner prior to the taking of any decision.

VII. A budget estimate that is not adopted by the meeting of High Contracting Parties shall be returned together with the meeting's recommendations to the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall then submit a further budget estimate to the meeting for its approval.

Contributions for the meetings of High Contracting Parties and any subsidiary bodies they may establish

VIII. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretariat to provide a list of High Contracting Parties expected to attend each meeting on the basis of their ratification or accession to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

IX. The assessment of contributions towards the cost of preparing and holding meetings shall be calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment,

adjusted to take into account the difference between the United Nations membership on the one hand and the number of States other than High Contracting Parties in attendance combined with the number of High Contracting Parties on the other.

(a) High Contracting Parties are obliged to make a contribution in respect of all meetings they are expected to attend. The initial assessment of contributions shall be calculated assuming that no other State will attend the meeting(s).

(b) States other than High Contracting Parties who attend meetings are obliged to pay a contribution in respect of the meeting(s) attended. They will be invoiced for contributions retrospectively (see Measure X).

(c) The adjustment shall ensure that no High Contracting Party or State not yet party asked to make a contribution is asked to contribute less than US\$100 so as to help meet the administrative cost of levying and collecting its contribution.

X. The account for each financial period shall be closed within 12 months of the conclusion of that financial period. The Secretariat shall then report the final costs and details of the attendance of States other than High Contracting Parties during that period. Any credits or debits arising shall be applied to the calculation of contributions for the financial period starting 12 months after the conclusion of the financial period to which the credits or debits pertain. The resulting invoice will be a full statement of accounts including any unpaid or overpaid amounts still outstanding from earlier years.

XI. Invoices should be sent as early as possible and in any case no later than either the final day of the financial period preceding the period to which the invoices pertain or 30 days after High Contracting Parties have adopted the budgets for the next financial period, whichever is later.

XII. Invoices should reflect the full amount due based on the adopted budget as well as amounts due for prior years, if any. Invoices shall apply any credits due to a High Contracting Party or State not yet party to any outstanding amounts for prior years, and report the amount of any credit in excess of past-due amounts, so that they have the option of deducting such amounts prior to submitting payment.

XIII. To facilitate the timely issue of invoices and thereby increase the chance of payments early in the financial period, adopted preliminary budgets (Measure V(b)) may be used in the calculation of contributions:

(a) Should the operational budget subsequently adopted exceed the preliminary budget and invoices have already been issued a second round of invoices shall be issued within the timescale defined in Measure XI.

(b) If the operational budget adopted is less than the preliminary budget, no amending invoice will be issued: a letter shall be sent to High Contracting Parties confirming the validity of the earlier estimates and requesting payment in accordance with the timelines established for invoices.

(c) If the United Nations scale of assessments is revised subsequent to the issuance of a preliminary invoice, the corresponding adjustments will be made only in the final invoice.

XIV. Should the expenditure in any financial period look likely to exceed the adopted operational budget, following consultations with, and the approval of, High Contracting Parties, the Chairperson will consider measures to reduce costs before committing to the overspend. Such additional spending would also be subject to the availability of sufficient cash on hand.

Payment and non-payment of contributions

XV. In respect of contributions made pursuant to Measure VIII:

(a) The monthly reports produced by United Nations Office at Geneva on the status of payments to the Convention shall be published on the Convention's

website and the Chairperson shall draw attention to them during organisational meetings.

(b) The agendas of all Meetings of High Contracting Parties shall include an item on the financial status of the Convention at which the status of contributions and financial outlook will be presented.

XVI. Any High Contracting Party that finds itself unable to pay its contribution and whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years is encouraged to seek the support of the Financial Resources Management Service in identifying a solution and to inform the Chairperson accordingly.

Measures in the event that contributions fail to meet the operational budget

XVII. Funds equalling the operational budget of a meeting need to be held on account at least 90 days in advance of the planned date of that meeting if the meeting is to take place on the planned date according to the operational budget agreed.

XVIII. If funds equalling the operational budget of a meeting are not held on account at least 90 days in advance of the planned date of that meeting, measures to reduce the cost of the meeting below the agreed operational budget, such as reducing the time allocated for meetings, holding informal sessions and further restrictions to reduce interpretation costs, may be considered by the Chairperson, following consultations with, and the approval of, High Contracting Parties, without prejudice to the Rules of Procedure and on an exceptional basis to avoid postponement or cancellation.

39. The Meeting requested the Chairperson-elect, in consultation with UNOG, UNODA and High Contracting Parties, to identify and report to the High Contracting Parties in 2018 any further measures that could be considered to improve the stability of the Secretariat's support to the Convention, recognising the role of the Implementation Support Unit in performing this function according to the decision in this regard of the 2009 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties, and to keep the measures under review in order to ensure the financial sustainability of the Convention.

40. The Meeting decided to organize in 2018, in accordance with the relevant decisions taken by the Nineteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Eleventh Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, and subject to available resources⁴, the following CCW related activities:

(a) The Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II from 11 to 12 June 2018;

(b) The Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V from 12 to 13 June 2018;

(c) The Group of Governmental Experts of the High Contracting Parties related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) first session from 9 to 13 April⁵ or from 27 to 31 August⁶ and the second session from 27 to 31 August or from 12 to 16 November 2018 and adopted the estimated costs (CCW/MSP/2017/4);

(d) The Twelfth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on 19 November 2018;

(e) The Twentieth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on 20 November 2018; and

⁴ Subject to the continued availability of rooms and subject to adjustment of dates in full consultation with the High Contracting Parties

⁵ Provided that all of the financial and budgetary conditions are met by 1 February 2018.

⁶ In case the meeting schedule for 9 to 13 April 2018 could not be convened.

(f) The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention from 21 to 23 November 2018.

41. The Meeting adopted an operational budget for 2018 and a preliminary budget for 2019 (as contained in CCW/MSP/2017/3 and CCW/MSP/2017/3/Add.3).

42. The Meeting elected Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš of Latvia as Chairperson of the 2018 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

43. At the final plenary session, the Meeting adopted its final report, as contained in document CCW/MSP/2017/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/MSP/2017/8.

Annex I

Provisional agenda

(as recommended by the 2017 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention at its sixth plenary session on 24 November 2017)

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Annex II

List of documents

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CCW/MSP/2017/2	Report of the Chair pursuant to Decision 6 of the Fifth Review Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
CCW/MSP/2017/3	Estimated Costs. 2018 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention
CCW/MSP/2017/3/Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3	Estimated Costs. 2018 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention. Addendum.
CCW/MSP/2017/4	Estimated Costs. 2018 Group of Governmental Experts on emerging technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (GGE on LAWS)
CCW/MSP/2017/5	Provisional Programme of Work
CCW/MSP/2017/6	Report of the Sponsorship Programme. Submitted by the Steering Committee of the Sponsorship Programme
CCW/MSP/2017/7	Report on Universalization of the Convention and its Protocols and the Implementation Support Unit. Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
CCW/MSP/2017/8	Final report
CCW/MSP/2017/CRP.1	Draft final report
CCW/MSP/2017/INF.1	Information for High Contracting Parties, observer States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations
CCW/MSP/2017/INF.2	Status of Universalization of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its Protocols. Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
CCW/MSP/2017/WP.1	Emerging issues of relevance to the Convention. Submitted by Austria.
CCW/MSP/2017/WP.2	Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA). Submitted by Germany
CCW/MSP/2017/WP.3	Briefing to the Disarmament Diplomatic Community on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. Submitted by Germany

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CCW/MSP/2017/WP.4	Questions in view of discussions about incendiary weapons and Protocol III. Submitted by Switzerland
CCW/MSP/2017/INF.3	List of participants
CCW/MSP/2017/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants
CCW/GGE.1/2017/3	Report of the 2017 Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)
