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Appeal of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II
to the CCW on the Occasion of the Fifth 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 26 November 2003 for our Fifth 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, ... 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 73;

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.

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