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**Fifth 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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**Summary record of the 4th meeting**

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Thursday, 10 November 2011, at 3 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Khvostov ..... (Belarus)

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*The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.*

**Election of other officers of the Conference** *(continued)*

1. **The President**, recalling that the Fourth Conference had decided to nominate a representative of the Non-Aligned Movement as Vice-President-designate of the Fifth Conference, said that there was agreement to elect Ambassador Zamir Akram of Pakistan as Vice-President. He took it that the Conference wished to confirm the nomination.
2. *It was so decided.*

**Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)** *(continued)*

*Thematic discussion on the web-based information system for Protocol V  
(CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/8)*

3. **Mr. Somogyi** (Hungary), Coordinator on the web-based information system for Protocol V (WISP.V), introducing the recommendation contained in document CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/8, said that although further improvements could be made to the WISP.V information system, the time was ripe for its launching. He demonstrated the system, which was now accessible through the website of the United Nations Office at Geneva. Delegations that wished to use it should contact the Implementation Support Unit for the Convention to obtain a user name and password. He urged them to do so, as the system was a user-driven tool and currently contained no data aside from the details on Hungary, which he himself had entered. Users should begin by reading the brief guide entitled "How to use WISP.V", posted on the website. Training sessions on the system could be organized during a forthcoming meeting.
4. **Mr. Van Donkersgoed** (Netherlands) asked whether it would be for the States parties or for the Implementation Support Unit to enter such basic information as country profiles into the system.
5. **Mr. Somogyi** (Hungary), Coordinator, said that the Unit would be responsible for updating only the part of the system containing the Conference documents, entitled "Library", because of the strict Internet security protocols applied by the United Nations Office at Geneva. Users would be responsible for submitting and updating all other information, including country profiles, data on national focal points, national reports and requests for assistance. States parties should begin by entering at least one national focal point. Any new information on national focal points or requests for assistance would immediately appear under the relevant country profile, thereby providing visitors of the website, including potential donors, with all the information that was currently available. Such a user-based approach was intended to make information more readily available and up to date. States parties would no longer need to submit a note verbale to update their profiles and would have round-the-clock access to the database. The database would be particularly useful for States filing new requests for assistance and for donor countries seeking details of projects that might be funded.
6. **The President** said that he took it that the Conference wished to approve the Coordinator's recommendation, contained in document CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/8.
7. *It was so decided.*

**Preparation for review conferences** (*continued*) (CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/9; non-paper containing amendments to the preceding document, circulated in the meeting room in English only)

8. **The President** drew attention to document CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/9, entitled “Draft Text on Protocol V for the CCW Fourth Review Conference”, and a non-paper with amendments to that document, which differed from those contained in another non-paper circulated at the previous meeting. Summarizing the amendments, he said that the word “harmful” in paragraph 1 (b) of the draft text had been replaced with “deleterious”, in keeping with the wording adopted at the previous Review Conference. The following new paragraph 1 (d) had been added: “The Conference notes with appreciation achievements within Protocol V, especially the article 4 generic electronic template, the plan of action on victim assistance, the guide to national reporting, the guide on generic preventive measures and the web-based information system for Protocol V (WISP.V).” Subsequent paragraphs had been renumbered accordingly. The words “including existing explosive remnants of war as referred to in article 7” had been inserted after the phrase “clearance of explosive remnants of war” in paragraph 1 (d) (new paragraph 1 (e)), as proposed in the earlier non-paper. Otherwise, the wording had remained the same. The final subparagraph contained some minor editorial changes. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Conference wished to adopt the draft text on Protocol V for the Fourth Review Conference, as amended.

9. *It was so decided.*

**Consideration and adoption of the final document** (CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/CRP.1; non-paper containing amendments to the preceding document, circulated in the meeting room in English only)

10. **The President** drew attention to the draft final document of the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/CRP.1) and to the non-paper containing amendments thereto, and invited the Conference to consider the draft final document paragraph by paragraph before adopting the text as a whole.

*Paragraphs 1–8*

11. *Paragraphs 1 to 8 were adopted.*

*Paragraphs 9–16*

12. *Paragraphs 9 to 16 were adopted, subject to minor editorial changes.*

*Paragraphs 17–27*

13. *Paragraphs 17 to 27 were adopted, subject to minor editorial changes.*

*Paragraphs 28–40*

14. **The President** drew attention to the non-paper circulated by the secretariat, which set out the recommendations that had been accepted during the discussions on the Coordinators’ reports on victim assistance, generic preventive measures and the WISP.V information system.

15. **Mr. Gill** (India), Coordinator on national reporting, proposed that the phrase “the Coordinator recommends to the Conference to take the following decisions” in paragraph 33 should be replaced with “the Conference decided”, in keeping with the wording of other paragraphs in chapter IV.

16. *Paragraphs 28 to 40, as amended, were adopted.*

*Paragraphs 41–45*

17. *Paragraphs 41 to 45 were adopted.*

*Paragraph 46*

18. **The President** said that it had been decided to nominate a representative of Pakistan as President-designate of the Sixth Conference and representatives of Estonia and Sweden as Vice-Presidents-designate. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Conference wished to accept those nominations and to amend the paragraph accordingly.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. *Paragraph 46, as orally amended, was adopted.*

*Paragraph 47*

21. *Paragraph 47 was adopted, subject to minor editorial changes.*

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

**Closure of the Conference**

23. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, **the President** declared the Conference closed.

*The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.*