

**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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**I. Introduction**

1. The Fourth 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), agreed to An Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, as contained in annex I of its final declaration (final document, part II, CCW/CONF.IV/4/Add.1), and, in accordance with action 9 of the Accelerated Plan of Action, to request “the CCW Implementation Support Unit to continue to report annually to the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties on the efforts undertaken towards and progress made on universalization.” Furthermore, action 10 of the Accelerated Plan of Action stipulates that ‘Universalization of the Convention and its Protocols’ should be established as “a standing agenda item of the annual Meetings of the High Contracting Parties under which the Chairperson-designate, High Contracting Parties, United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross, regional organizations and other organizations would exchange information and report on their respective efforts to promote universalization.”

2. The Fourth Review Conference also decided, as contained in decision 3 of the final declaration, “to continue the Sponsorship Programme and urge it to explore all options to promote the universalization and implementation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols in accordance with the recommendations contained in annex II of the final declaration.”

3. The Fourth Review Conference also decided, as contained in decision 4 of the final declaration, “to enhance the implementation of the Compliance Mechanism for the Convention and its annexed Protocols, which was agreed to at the Third Review Conference and the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2007 in accordance with the recommendations as contained in annex III.”

4. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, held in Geneva on 14 and 15 November 2013, requested, as contained in paragraph 28 of its final document, CCW/MSP/2013/10, “the CCW Implementation Support Unit to continue to report annually on its activities, including on its estimated costs and actual costs.”

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5. The 2013 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided, as contained in paragraph 32, that the "Chairperson will convene in 2014 a four-day informal Meeting of Experts, from 13 to 16 May 2014, to discuss the questions related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention. He will, under his responsibility, submit a report to the 2014 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, objectively reflecting the discussions held."
6. The 2013 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided, as contained in paragraph 33 of its final document, to hold the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on 13 and 14 November 2014.
7. The 2013 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided, as contained in paragraph 34 of its final document, to designate Mr. Remigiusz A. Henczel, Ambassador of Poland as Chairperson of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention to be held in 2014.

## **II. Organization of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties**

8. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention was held in Geneva on 13 and 14 November 2014. The Meeting was opened on 13 November 2014 by the Chairperson of the 2013 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention, Mr. Jean-Hugues Simon-Michel, Ambassador of France.
9. The Meeting held four plenary sessions. At its first plenary session the Meeting confirmed the nomination of Mr. Remigiusz A. Henczel, Ambassador of Poland, as Chairperson.
10. At the same plenary meeting, the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties confirmed the nomination of Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Head of the Implementation Support Unit, as Secretary-General of the Meeting. Ms. Hine-Wai Loose served as Secretary of the Meeting.
11. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, 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, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
12. The following State for which the Convention has not yet entered into force participated in the work of the Meeting: Iraq.
13. The following signatory State participated in the work of the Meeting: Egypt.
14. The following observer delegations participated in the work of the Meeting: Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Lebanon, Libya, Myanmar, Namibia, Singapore, Palestine, Thailand and Yemen.
15. The representatives of the following organizations participated in the work of the Meeting: United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI),

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

16. The following non-governmental organizations participated in the work of the Meeting: Article 36, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers), HALO Trust, HANDICAP International, Human Rights Watch, International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) – Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Norwegian People's Aid, Pax, Pax Christi International, Pax Christi Ireland and ITRES Research Limited Canada.

### **III. Work of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties**

17. The Meeting adopted its agenda (CCW/MSP/2014/1), and programme of work (CCW/MSP/2014/2), and confirmed its rules of procedure (CCW/CONF.IV/2). In confirming the Rules of Procedure the Meeting suspended Rule 3.

18. The Meeting received a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, which was delivered by the Deputy to the United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Ms. Virginia Gamba.

19. The participation in the general exchange of views was in the following order: Holy See, European Union, Netherlands, Sweden, Cuba, Republic of Korea, Germany, Russian Federation, Croatia, Pakistan, Australia, Italy, Japan, Colombia, Palestine, Switzerland, China, Austria, United States of America, Iraq, Mexico, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Brazil, France, Turkey, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Argentina, Israel, India, United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Group on Mine Action, International Committee of the Red Cross, Article 36 and Human Rights Watch.

20. The Report on Promoting Universality of the Convention and its Protocols (CCW/MSP/2014/8) was presented by the Chairperson. The Chairperson reported on the implementation of the Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols. The Report of the Sponsorship Programme (CCW/MSP/2014/6) was presented by the Coordinator of the Steering Committee of the Programme, Ms. Markéta Homolková of the Czech Republic. The Meeting welcomed the accession of Iraq to the Convention, the amendment to Article 1, and all of the Protocols. The Meeting also welcomed the accession of Greece to Protocol V.

21. The Meeting noted the concerns raised by a number of High Contracting Parties over the allegations of use of incendiary weapons against civilians.

22. The Meeting noted the concerns raised by some High Contracting Parties regarding the implementation of existing international humanitarian law, in particular the use of explosive weapons in populated areas.

23. The Meeting welcomed the discussions that took place during the Meeting of Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems and took note of the Chairperson's report (CCW/MSP/2014/3), which was submitted under his own responsibility.

24. The following delegations participated in the discussion on lethal autonomous weapons systems in the following order: European Union, Spain, France, Mexico, Chile, Austria, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Croatia, Ireland, Switzerland, Japan, Russian Federation, Israel, Republic of Korea, India, Cuba, Sweden, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC) and Human Rights Watch.

25. The Meeting heard a presentation on “The Humanitarian and Developmental Impact of Anti Vehicle Mines” by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

26. The following delegations participated in the discussion on other issues relevant to the Convention, including mines other than anti-personnel mines in the following order: Ireland, Canada, Australia, Afghanistan, Germany, France, Russian Federation, Mexico, Switzerland, Belarus, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, United States of America, Cuba, United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Group on Mine Action, International Committee of the Red Cross and International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

27. In accordance with the decision of the Fourth Review Conference to enhance the implementation of the Compliance Mechanism for the Convention and its Protocols, the Meeting had before it national annual reports on compliance from the following High Contracting Parties: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

28. During the course of the Meeting, the following documents were considered: CCW/MSP/2014/1 to CCW/MSP/2014/8, as listed in annex III. The official documents of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties are available in all official languages through the Official Document System of the United Nations at <http://documents.un.org/>, and the official CCW website as part of the website of the United Nations Office at Geneva at <http://www.unog.ch/ccw>.

#### **IV. Conclusions and recommendations**

29. The Meeting welcomed the report on promoting universality of the Convention and its Protocols and reaffirmed their commitment to the Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization. The Meeting emphasized the importance of achieving universal adherence to, and compliance with, the Convention, the amendment to its Article 1, and its Protocols.

30. The Meeting recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Chairperson-designate of the 2015 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention to exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of the Convention and its Protocols.

31. 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 those States in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme.

32. 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.

33. 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 Fourth Review Conference to enhance the implementation of the Compliance Mechanism.

34. The Meeting expressed its 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.

35. The Meeting noted that some States questioned the usefulness of the summary records with regard to their cost. The Chairperson-designate will conduct informal consultations prior to the 2015 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention in order to find a solution acceptable to all High Contracting Parties.

36. The Meeting decided to convene under the overall responsibility of the Chairperson an informal meeting of experts of up to five days during the week of 13 to 17 April 2015 to discuss the questions related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention. The Chair of the Meeting of Experts will, under his or her own responsibility, submit a report to the 2015 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, objectively reflecting the discussions held.

37. The Meeting decided that:

(a) The next Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention will be held on 12 and 13 November 2015 at Geneva, and adopted its estimated costs (CCW/MSP/2014/4).

(b) The Ninth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War will be held on 9 and 10 November 2015 at Geneva.

(c) The Seventeenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II will be held on 11 November 2015 at Geneva.

38. The Meeting decided to designate Mr. Ravinath Aryasinha, Ambassador of Sri Lanka as Chairperson of the 2015 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

39. At its final plenary meeting on 14 November 2014, the Meeting adopted the estimated costs of the Meeting of Experts of up to five days during the week of 13 to 17 April 2015, as contained in CCW/MSP/2014/5, annex I.

40. At the same plenary meeting, the Meeting adopted its final report, as contained in document CCW/MSP/2014/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/MSP/2014/[...].

## **Annex I**

### **Provisional Agenda 2015 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties**

**(As recommended by the 2014 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties  
at its fourth plenary meeting on 14 November 2014)**

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Confirmation of the nomination of the Chairperson of the Meeting
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Confirmation of the rules of procedure
5. Confirmation of the nomination of the Secretary-General of the Meeting
6. Organization of work, including that of any subsidiary body of the Meeting.
7. General exchange of views
8. Lethal autonomous weapons systems
9. Other issues relevant to the Convention, including mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM)
10. An Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols
11. Consideration of the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme
12. Status of implementation of and compliance with the Convention and its Protocols
13. Consideration of the report of the Implementation Support Unit
14. Preparations for the Fifth review conference of the Convention
15. Consideration and adoption of the final report
16. Other matters
17. Closing of the Meeting

## **Annex II**

**High Contracting Parties to the Convention and its annexed Protocols  
(including those which have consented to be bound by the following  
Protocols)**

*[To be completed by the Secretariat.]*

## Annex III

### List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CCW/MSP/2014/1	Provisional agenda, Submitted by the Chairperson-designate
CCW/MSP/2014/2	Provisional programme of work. Submitted by the Chairperson-designate
CCW/MSP/2014/3	Report of the 2014 informal Meeting of Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS). Submitted by the Chairperson of the Meeting of Experts
CCW/MSP/2014/4	Estimated Costs. 2015 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. Note by the Secretariat
CCW/MSP/2014/5	Estimated Costs. 2015 Meeting of Experts 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/MSP/2014/6 and Add.1 [English only]	Report. CCW Sponsorship Programme. Submitted by the Steering Committee of the Sponsorship Programme
CCW/MSP/2014/7 and Add.1	Report of the Implementation Support Unit
CCW/MSP/2014/8	Promoting universality of the Convention and its Protocols. Submitted by the Implementation Support Unit
CCW/MSP/2014/INF.1	Information for States parties, observer States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. Note by the Secretariat



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<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CCW/MSP/2014/INF.2	List of participants
CCW/MSP/2014/CRP.1	Draft final report
CCW/MSP/2014/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants
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	[To be completed]

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