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

Geneva, 15-17 November 2023
Item 6 of the provisional agenda
Organization of work, including that of any subsidiary body of the Meeting

Provisional programme of work and annotations

Submitted by the Chairperson

Wednesday, 15 November 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Opening of the Meeting by the Chairperson-elect (agenda item 1).
Confirmation of the election of the Chairperson of the Meeting (agenda item 2).
Adoption of the agenda (CCW/MSP/2023/1); Confirmation of the rules of procedure; Confirmation of the nomination of the Secretary-General of the Meeting; Organization of work, including that of any subsidiary body of the Meeting (agenda items 3 to 6).
General exchange of views (agenda item 7). The High Contracting Parties, signatory States, observer States and organizations participating in the meeting are invited to present general statements that do not address any specific issues that will be addressed under other agenda items. Delegations are invited to limit their statements to a maximum of three minutes.

15:00 – 18:00

General exchange of views (agenda item 7) continued.
Consideration of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) (CCW/GGE.1/2023/2) (agenda item 8). Under this item, the report of the Group of Governmental Experts will be presented. Delegations are invited to present their views on the Report and the way forward.

Thursday, 16 November 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Consideration of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) (CCW/GGE.1/2023/2) (agenda item 8) continued.
Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols (agenda item 9). Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the status of contributions and financial outlook of the Convention as well as the cost estimates for the 2024 activities of the Convention.

Issues related to the Implementation Support Unit (agenda item 10). The report on the Implementation Support Unit will be presented (CCW/MSP/2023/4). Delegations are invited to discuss issues that pertain to the Unit.

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Emerging issues in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention. (agenda item 11). Delegations are invited to express their views on relevant developments and how they may be addressed under the Convention, including consideration of working papers submitted under this item.

Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols (agenda item 12). Delegations are invited to share information on activities undertaken to promote the universalization of the Convention as well as any progress in the domestic process of ratification and deposit of instruments of ratification.

Consideration of the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme (agenda item 13). The report of the Steering Committee of the Sponsorship Programme will be presented (CCW/MSP/2023/3). Delegations are invited to address any questions that they may have on this issue.

Status of implementation of and compliance with the Convention and its Protocols (agenda item 14). The Secretariat will provide an update on the status of reporting on the Convention and its Protocols. Delegations are invited to share any comments that they may have on the issue.

Friday, 17 November 2023

10:00 – 13:00

Other matters (agenda item 15).

Consideration and adoption of the final report (agenda item 16). Delegations are invited to consider and adopt the final report that will include relevant decisions on substantive and procedural issues. Delegations are also invited to adopt the cost estimates for the 2024 activities of the Convention.

15:00 – 18:00

Consideration and adoption of the final report (agenda item 16) continued.

Closing of the Meeting (agenda item 17).