
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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Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols

Estimated Costs 2024 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)

1. The 2023 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, to be held in Geneva on 15-17 November 2023, is to adopt cost estimates of the 2024 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

2. This document is submitted to assist the decision of the High Contracting Parties. The Sixth Review Conference, held in Geneva on 13-17 December 2021, adopted a budget for the 2023-25 period as contained in CCW/CONF.VI/9 (CCW/CONF.VI/11, paragraph 32), including the cost estimates of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of LAWS. In accordance with this decision, the following estimated costs for 2024 depending on the total number of meeting days are identical to the cost estimates of the 2023 meetings of the Group (CCW/MSP/2022/5) adopted by the 2022 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the attached table.

- 10 days: US\$ 325,400;
- 15 days: US\$ 442,700;
- 20 days: US\$ 560,000.



Title of session:	CCW Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), 2024 session								
Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, 2024 (10 working days)								
	Meeting	Pre-session	In-session	Summary	Post-session	Support Services	Other		
Conference-servicing items	Servicing *	documentation *	documentation *	records *	documentation *	requirements *	requirements *	Total *	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Interpretation and meeting servicing	185,600							185,600	
Translation of documentation		17,400			33,800			51,200	
Support Services requirements^{1/}						8,000		8,000	
Other requirements^{2/}							65,100	65,100	
Total	185,600	17,400			33,800	8,000	65,100	309,900	
* - at US\$									
								A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)	309,900
								B. Non-conference-servicing requirements	
								C. Contingency 5%	15,500
								Grand total (rounded) A+B	325,400

1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 10 days) \$8,000

2/ Rental of PC and printer \$100; Secretary (1 x 85 days) \$34,900; 1 Document Control Officer (1 x 10 days) \$2,700; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$16,400; UN Web TV \$11,000

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Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, 2024 (15 working days)								
	Meeting	Pre-session	In-session	Summary	Post-session	Support Services	Other		
Conference-servicing items	Servicing *	documentation *	documentation *	records *	documentation *	requirements *	requirements *	Total *	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Interpretation and meeting servicing	278,400							278,400	
Translation of documentation		17,400			33,800			51,200	
Support Services requirements^{1/}						12,000		12,000	
Other requirements^{2/}							80,000	80,000	
Total	278,400	17,400			33,800	12,000	80,000	421,600	
* - at US\$									
								A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)	421,600
								B. Non-conference-servicing requirements	
								C. Contingency 5%	21,100
								Grand total (rounded) A+B+C	442,700

1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 15 days) \$12,000

2/ Rental of PC and printer \$200; Secretary (1 x 90 days) \$36,900; 1 Document Control Officer (1 x 15 days) \$4,100; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$22,300; UN Web TV \$16,500

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Dates to be held:		Location Geneva, 2024 (20 working days)						
Conference-servicing items	Meeting Servicing *	Pre-session documentation *	In-session documentation *	Summary records *	Post-session documentation *	Support Services requirements *	Other requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	371,200							371,200
Translation of documentation		17,400			33,800			51,200
Support Services requirements ^{1/}						16,000		16,000
Other requirements ^{2/}							94,900	94,900
Total	371,200	17,400			33,800	16,000	94,900	533,300
* - at US\$								
								533,300
								26,700
								560,000

1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 20 days) \$16,000

2/ Rental of PC and printer \$300; Secretary (1 x 95 days) \$38,900; 1 Document Control Officer (1 x 20 days) \$5,400; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$28,300; UN Web TV \$22,000