

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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General exchange of views

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1. NAM recalls the Decision 2 adopted by the Sixth Review Conference, quote “to adopt the consolidated financial measures as contained in Annex III, which may be reviewed during the review cycle of 2022-2026 by the Meetings of High Contracting Parties”. End the quote.
2. Regarding the financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols, the Group of NAM is of the view that it will be necessary to adopt efficiency and cost saving measures in consultations with all High Contracting Parties in order to address the current financial situation of the Convention.
3. NAM recognizes the importance of increasing the financial sustainability of the Convention. However, setting up punitive measures might not be effective and may have unintended adverse effects on participation and membership.
4. The financial challenges must be dealt with, but they are transitory. The measures taken to address them should not undermine the Convention in the long run. The Group of NAM is concerned with the possible impacts of the financial measures on participation of member States and, ultimately, on the perspectives of universalizing the Convention.
5. The Group of NAM believes that any measures adopted will be essential to address the immediate funding situation and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Convention.
6. NAM is of the view that those measures should be operational as soon as possible.
7. We understand that the measures proposed to address the current situation of this Convention and any other measures to address the situation in other Disarmament instruments should be consulted and adopted by its States Parties.
8. The Group of NAM express its deep concern on the continued lack of adequate representation from NAM countries in United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the movement requests the Secretary General and High Representative to undertake steps to ensure balanced and equitable representation in that office.

* The Delegations of Chile and Costa Rica disassociated from this Working Paper.

