

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 2026 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)*

1. The 2025 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 12-14 November 2025, is to adopt cost estimates of the 2026 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 2026 as contained in CCW/CONF.VI/10 (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 2026 depending on the total number of meeting days are identical to the cost estimates of the 2025 meetings of the Group (CCW/MSP/2024/5) adopted by the 2024 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.

* The present document is being issued without formal editing.



Title of session:		CCW Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), 2026 session						
Dates to be held:		Location Geneva, 2026 (10 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	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+C								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

Title of session:	CCW Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), 2026 session							
Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, 2026 (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

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