Seventh 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

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Part I

I. Introduction

1. The First 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, *inter alia,* that "future review conferences should be held more frequently, with consideration to be given to holding a review conference every five years." (CCW/CONF.I/16, Part I, Annex III, Final Declaration, Article 8).

2. The Second Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention agreed, *inter alia,* that future review conferences should continue to be held on a regular basis. In this connection, the Conference decided, consistent with Article 8.3 (c) of the Convention, "to convene a further Conference five years following the entry into force of the amendments adopted at the Second Review Conference, but in any case not later than 2006, with preparatory meetings starting as early as 2005, if necessary." (CCW/CONF.II/2, Part II, Final Declaration, Article 8).

3. The Third Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention "[...] recalled their agreement reached by the Second Review Conference in 2001 in reviewing Article 8 of the Convention." (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part II, Article 8).

4. The Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention agreed that "review conferences should continue to be held on a regular basis", as contained in paragraph 3 of the review of Article 8 of the Convention as stipulated in its Final Document (CCW/CONF.IV/4/Add.1).

5. The Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention recalled the "agreement reached at all four previous Review Conferences that such conferences should continue to be held on a regular basis," as contained in paragraph 50 of its Final Document (CCW/CONF.V/10).

6. The Sixth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention recalled, in paragraph 66 of its Final Document (CCW/CONF.VI/11), the "consensus reached at all five previous Review Conferences that such conferences should continue to be held on a regular basis".

7. The 2025 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided, as contained in paragraph 19 (g) of its final report (CCW/MSP/2025/8), that the Seventh Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention would be held from 16 to 20

November 2026 in Geneva. The Meeting also adopted the relevant cost estimates as contained in CCW/MSP/2025/7.

8. The 2025 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention also decided to nominate a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) as President-designate of the Seventh Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

9. In April 2026, the coordinator of the Group of the NAM informed the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) that the Group was not in a position to present a candidate for the role of President-designate of the Seventh Review Conference of the Convention.

10. On 24 June 2026, the High Contracting Parties endorsed through a written silence procedure Ambassador Julien Thöni, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, nominated by the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), as President-designate of the Seventh Review Conference of the Convention.

II. Organization of the Seventh Review Conference

11. The Seventh Review Conference was held in Geneva from 16 to 20 November 2026.

12. On 16 November 2026, the Conference was opened by Ambassador Arthur Sewankambo Kafeero, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda, Chairperson of the 2025 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

13. At its first plenary meeting, the Conference confirmed the nomination by acclamation of Ambassador Julien Thöni of Switzerland as President of the Seventh Review Conference.

14. The Conference adopted its Agenda (CCW/CONF.VII/1) endorsed by the Preparatory Committee (CCW/CONF.VI/PC/3, paragraph 21).

15. The Conference adopted the Rules of Procedure, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee of the Seventh Review Conference (CCW/CONF.VII/PC/3, paragraph 23).

16. The Conference confirmed the nomination of Ms. C. Mélanie Régimbal, Chief of Service of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, as the Secretary General of the Seventh Review Conference. Ms. Nora Allgaier, Political Affairs Officer, CCW Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary of the Conference. Ms. Sophie Guillermin-Golet, Political Affairs Officer, CCW Implementation Support Unit, Ms. Juliana Helou van der Berg, Political Affairs Officer, UNODA Geneva Branch and Mr. Clément Bailly, Associate Political Affairs Officer, UNODA Geneva Branch, served in the Secretariat of the Conference.

17. The Conference considered and adopted its Programme of Work (CCW/CONF.VII/2) as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (CCW/CONF.VII/PC, paragraph 22). In accordance with Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference decided to distribute its work between the two Main Committees as follows:

- Main Committee I: Review the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols; consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing protocols; and preparation and consideration of the final documents;
- Main Committee II: Consideration of proposals for additional protocols to the Convention and consideration of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS), and preparation and consideration of the provisions of the final document pertaining to LAWS.

18. Pursuant to Rule 6 of its Rules of Procedure, the Conference elected eight Vice-Presidents from the following High Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Spain, South Africa, Panama, [Representative of EEG], [Representative of the Group of NAM]. The Conference also elected the Chairpersons of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committee II, and the Drafting Committee, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Credentials Committee as follows:

(a) Main Committee II: Chairperson Ambassador Elmer Schialer Salcedo of Peru.

(b) Drafting Committee: Ambassador Julien Thöni of Switzerland.

(c) Credentials Committee: Mr. Nikola Yakov of Bulgaria as Chairperson, and Ms. Hannah Abubakar of the Philippines as Vice-Chairperson.

19. As no Chairperson was identified for Main Committee I, the Conference decided that the work of this Committee will be chaired by the President of the Seventh Review Conference, Ambassador Julien Thöni of Switzerland.

III. Participation at the Conference

20. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Conference: […].

21. The following Signatory States also participated in the work of the Conference: […].

22. The following States not party to the Convention participated as observers in the work of the Conference: […].

23. The representatives of the following organizations participated in the work of the Conference: […].

24. The following non-governmental organizations and entities participated in the work of the Conference: […].

IV. Work of the Seventh Review Conference

25. Under the presidency of Ambassador Julien Thöni of Switzerland, the Conference held six plenary meetings.

26. The Conference received a video message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Antonio Guterres.

27. The Conference noted with appreciation the Report of the Preparatory Committee (CCW/CONF.VII/PC/3).

28. Under agenda item “Submission of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts”, the Chairperson of the Group of Governmental Experts related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS), Ambassador Robert in den Bosch of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, presented the work of the Group, notably the report adopted by the Group (CCW/GGE.1/2026/3).

28. The following delegations participated in the general exchange of views: […].

30. Main Committee I held meetings on 17, 18 and 19 November 2026 and adopted its report on 19 November 2026.

31. Main Committee II held meetings on 17, 18 and 19 November 2026 and adopted its report on 19 November 2026.

32. The Credentials Committee held meetings on 16, 17 and 18 November 2026. The Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Nikola Yakov of Bulgaria, presented its report to the Conference on 20 November 2026.

33. The Drafting Committee was not convened.

V. Decisions and Recommendations of the Conference

34. At its fifth plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference approved the report of the Credentials Committee and adopted the draft resolution as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/CC/1.

35. At the same plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference approved the reports of Main Committee I and Main Committee II, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/3 and CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/3.

36. At its final plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference adopted its Final Declaration, as contained in the Final Document, Part II.

37. At the same plenary meeting, in accordance with Decision 1 of its Final Declaration, the Conference also adopted the estimated costs of the Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS), as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/7.In accordance with Decision 2 of its Final Declaration, the Conference also adopted the estimated costs of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and of the Implementation Support Unit for 2027, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/8.

38. At the same plenary meeting, in accordance with the financial measures of the Convention and Decision 2 of its Final Declaration, the Conference also adopted the 2028-2030 budget as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/9, as well as the estimated costs of the Eighth Review Conference and the Preparatory Committee meeting to take place in 2031, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/10.

39. At its final plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference decided to elect a representative of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) as Chairperson of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention to be held in 2027.

40. At its final plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference adopted the Provisional Agenda of the 2027 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, as contained in Annex II.

41. At its final plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference adopted its Final Document, as contained in CCW/CONF.VI/CRP.1, *[as orally amended,]* which will be issued as document CCW/CONF.VII/11.

Part II

Final Declaration

Draft contained in CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/CRP.1.

Annex I

Agenda of the Seventh Review Conference (As adopted at the first plenary meeting on 16 November 2026)

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Confirmation of the nomination of the President-designate.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
5. Confirmation of the nomination of the Secretary-General of the Conference.
6. Organization of work including that of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference.
7. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Review Conference, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the main Committees, the Drafting Committee, and the Credentials Committee.
8. Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
9. Submission of the report of the Preparatory Committee.
10. Submission of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts.
11. General exchange of views.
12. Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
13. Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols.
14. Consideration of proposals for additional Protocols to the Convention and other Proposals.
15. Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
16. Other matters.
17. Report of the Credentials Committee.
18. Reports of the Main Committees.
19. Report of the Drafting Committee.
20. Consideration and adoption of the final document.
21. Closing of the Conference.

Annex II

Provisional Agenda of the 2028 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention

(As recommended by the 2026 Seventh Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties at its final plenary meeting on 20 November 2026)

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Confirmation of the election 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. [Placeholder LAWS].
9. Implementation and universalization of Protocol III.
10. Implementation of Amended Protocol II with regard to Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines in particular with regard to the protection of civilians.
11. Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
12. Issues related to the Implementation Support Unit.
13. Consideration of new developments in the field of science and technology as well as means and methods of warfare and their relevance to the Convention and its Protocols.
14. Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
15. Consideration of the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme.
16. Status of implementation of and compliance with the Convention and its Protocols.
17. Other matters.
18. Consideration and adoption of the final report.
19. Closing of the Meeting.

Annex IV

List of Documents

Symbol	*Title*
CCW/CONF.VII/1	Provisional agenda
CCW/CONF.VII/2	Provisional programme of work of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/3	Report of the Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Sponsorship Programme
CCW/CONF.VII/4	Promoting Universality of the Convention and its Protocols
CCW/CONF.VII/5	Report of the Implementation Support Unit
CCW/CONF.VII/6	Status of Financial Contributions
CCW/CONF.VII/7	Estimated Costs 2027 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)
CCW/CONF.VII/8	Estimated Costs Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and the Implementation Support Unit for 2027
CCW/CONF.VII/9	2028-2030 budget
CCW/CONF.VII/10	2031 budget
CCW/CONF.VII/11	Final Document of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/CC/1	Report of the Credentials Committee
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/1	Provisional agenda Main Committee I of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/2	Provisional programme of work Main Committee I of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/3	Report of Main Committee I
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/1	Provisional agenda Main Committee II of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/2	Provisional programme of work Main Committee II of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/3	Report of Main Committee II
CCW/CONF.VII/INF.1 [English/French and Spanish only]	List of Participants
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.1 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the Implementation Support Unit at the request of the President-designate of the Seventh Review Conference
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.2 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the United States of America

Symbol	*Title*
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.3 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Austria
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.4 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Human Flag Association
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.5 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Maat for Peace and Human Rights
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.6 [English and Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation