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 and work 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 received a video message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres.

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

16. The High Contracting Parties were not able to adopt the agenda, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/1, and were not able to adopt the rules of procedure, as contained in CCW/CONF.V/4, as no consensus on this matter was reached.

17. The High Contracting Parties were not able to adopt the preamble and declaratory part of the Final Declaration, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/CRP.1, as no consensus was reached. The Conference was not in a position to conduct a formal review of the scope and operation of the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto, but was in a position to adopt section III of the Final Declaration.

18. The CCW Implementation Support Unit provided secretariat services, administrative support to and prepared documentation for the Conference.

19. The Conference had before it documents CCW/CONF.VII/1, CCW/CONF.VII/2, CCW/CONF.VII/3, CCW/CONF.VII/4, CCW/CONF.VII/5, CCW/CONF.VII/6, CCW/CONF.VII/7, CCW/CONF.VII/8, CCW/CONF.VII/9, CCW/CONF.VII/10, CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/1, CCW/CONF.VII/MC.I/2, CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/1 and CCW/CONF.VII/MC.II/2. The documents of the Conference will be made available in all official languages on the CCW website (https://meetings.unoda.org/node/79323/), as well as through the United Nations Official Document System (ODS), at http://documents.un.org.

III. Participation at the Conference

20. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon. Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia,

Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Togo, Türkiye, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Zambia.

21. The following Signatory States also participated in the work of the Conference: Egypt, Nigeria and Sudan.

22. The following States not party to the Convention participated as observers in the work of the Conference: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Oman, Samoa, Syrian Arab Republic, and Thailand.

23 The representatives of the following organizations participated in the work of the Conference: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and United Nations Mine Action Service.

24. The following non-governmental organizations and entities participated in the work of the Conference: 7amleh, Amnesty International, APOPO, Article 36, Asia-Pacific Institute for Law and Security, Association Ma'onah for Human Rights and Immigration, Business Innovation Research Dev, Center for Civilians in Conflict, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, Centre des Études Diplomatiques et Stratégiques, Conflict Armament Research, Control Arms, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft, Facing Finance, Fondation suisse de déminage, Forum on Disarmament and Development, Future of Life Institute, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Human Flag Association, Human Rights Watch, International Humanitarian Law Youth Initiative, Institute for Global Negotiation, International Action Network on Small Arms Women Network Nigeria, International Committee for Robot Arms Control, Lex International, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights, Medienstadt Leipzig, Middle East Treaty Organization, Mines Advisory Group, Norwegian People's Aid, PAX, PEACEMOMO, Perú por el Desarme, Privacy International, Quaker United Nations Office, Seguridad Humana en Latinoamérica y el Caribe, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm University, Stop Killer Robots, StartComms.Studio, Third World Network, Universite de Montreal, University of Cambridge, and Utrecht University, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

IV. Decisions and Recommendations of the Conference

25. The President informed the Conference that credentials from 78 High Contracting Parties had been received. On the proposal of the President, the Conference decided to accept the credentials of all those High Contracting Parties referred to in paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Annex II, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those High Contracting Parties referred to in paragraph 1 (b) and (c) of Annex II would be submitted as soon as possible.

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

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. 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 III.

31. At its final plenary meeting, on 20 November 2026, the Conference adopted its Final Document, as contained in CCW/CONF.VII/CRP.1/Rev.3, as orally amended, which will be issued as document CCW/CONF.VII/11.

Part II

Final Declaration

I.

With the aim of continuing to advance the Convention and its Protocols over the next review cycle, the Conference reached consensus on the following actions:

Universalization

32. The officeholders of the CCW, Protocol V and Amended Protocol II are to promote universalization of the Convention and its Protocols, and specifically to address States not party, coordinate their activities giving consideration, inter alia, to the elaboration of an action plan and, under the Standing Agenda Item on Universalization of the annual Meeting of High Contracting Parties, to report on their efforts and the progress made in this area.

33. High Contracting Parties under the Standing Agenda Item on Universalization are encouraged to report on their initiatives to promote universalization of the Convention and its Protocols and to consider adhering to the Protocols to which they are not yet a party and report on the steps taken to do so.

34. High Contracting Parties which have not yet done so are to consider adhering to the 2001 amendment to Article 1, which extends Protocols I, II, III and IV to non-international armed conflicts.

35. The Implementation Support Unit is to provide the necessary administrative and substantive support to the officeholders and High Contracting Parties in their efforts to promote universalization, gather information on States not yet party and work towards the objective of universal adherence to the Convention and its Protocols.

Strengthening national implementation and compliance

36. High Contracting Parties reaffirm their commitment to the compliance mechanism for the Convention and its annexed Protocols as decided at the Third Review Conference and the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2007.

37. High Contracting Parties are called on to submit compliance reports. The Chairperson of the annual Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention is tasked with encouraging higher rates of compliance reporting and is required to report on his or her efforts in fulfilment of this task under the standing Agenda Item on Compliance of the annual Meeting of High Contracting Parties.

38. High Contracting Parties are to reinforce their efforts to disseminate information on the Convention and its Protocols to their armed forces and civilian population.

39. High Contracting Parties are to consider and share their experiences on providing assistance and cooperation for the implementation of the Protocols.

Sponsorship Programme

40. High Contracting Parties in a position to do so are encouraged to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme. The Steering Committee of the Sponsorship Programme is to continue to report on its activities and finances each year to the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties.

Implementation Support Unit

41. The Implementation Support Unit is to work effectively and efficiently and in its annual report to the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to continue to report on the estimated costs versus the actual costs of the meetings and conferences of the preceding year.

42. In order to further promote financial transparency and accountability and taking into account the practice of multilateral and other organizations, requests the Implementation Support Unit to provide regular updates on the status of High Contracting Parties' financial contributions to the CCW and its Protocols and to submit a financial report on these matters to the annual Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to be circulated as an official document.

43. The Chairperson of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties is to report each year on the implementation of the above actions.

44. Recognizing the significant expansion of the responsibilities and workload entrusted to the Implementation Support Unit, including in support of the GGE on LAWS and other mandates under the Convention and its Protocols, High Contracting Parties acknowledge the need to ensure that the Unit is provided with adequate resources commensurate with its mandate and responsibilities and support the adoption of appropriate measures to strengthen the Unit's capacity.

Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols

45. High Contracting Parties and States not parties participating in the meetings of the Convention and its annexed Protocols declare their determination to fully meet their financial obligations under the Convention and its annexed Protocols as well as to explore measures that could reduce costs and improve the efficiency and financial stability of such meetings without prejudice to the Rules of Procedure and to their quality, and their commitment to address issues arising from outstanding contributions in a timely manner.

46. High Contracting Parties note that the consolidated financial measures, as contained in Annex III of CCW/CONF.VI/11, adopted by the Sixth Review Conference of the Convention have contributed to greater predictability and sustainability in the Convention's financial framework and underscore the importance of their continued implementation during the next review cycle.

47. High Contracting Parties are encouraged to contribute to the voluntary Working Capital Fund to provide liquidity during the financial year with a view to ensuring the stability of ISU support to the Convention.

II.

The Conference takes the following decisions

Decision 1

48. The Seventh Review Conference decides to endorse the set of elements of an instrument, without prejudging its nature, and other possible measures, to address emerging technologies in the area of LAWS, adopted by the Group of Governmental Experts on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in 2026, as contained in document CCW/GGE.1/2026/3.

49. The Seventh Review Conference decides that the work of the open-ended Group of Governmental Experts related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems established by Decision 1 of the Fifth Review Conference as contained in document CCW/CONF.V/10, adhering to the agreed recommendations contained in document CCW/CONF.V/2, is to continue, to strengthen the Convention.

50. In the context of the objectives and purpose of 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, the Group is to elaborate, by consensus, an instrument, without prejudging its nature, that specifies international humanitarian law, including principles and requirements, applicable to lethal autonomous weapon systems, and its implementation, and other possible measures. In fulfilling this mandate, the Group will consider the application of existing IHL to LAWS, those measures necessary to support implementation of applicable IHL and the need to codify and progressively develop IHL, and then address such issues where the Group deems it appropriate. The Group in its report will also make a recommendation on the legal nature and specific form of the instrument, including whether the High Contracting Parties should adopt the instrument as a binding protocol.

51. This work will build upon the recommendations and conclusions of the Group, including the set of elements of an instrument and other possible measures adopted by the Group in 2026, and taking into account the example of existing Protocols within the Convention, proposals presented by the High Contracting Parties and other options related to the normative and operational framework on LAWS, and bringing in expertise on legal, military, humanitarian and technological aspects.

52. International law, in particular the United Nations Charter and international humanitarian law, as well as relevant ethical perspectives should guide the continued work of the Group.

53. The rules of procedure of the Review Conference shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Group.

54. The Group shall conduct its work and adopt its report by consensus and shall submit its report to the 2028 Meeting of High Contracting Parties. The Chair of the Group will update the 2027 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties on the work of the Group. The Group shall meet for 10 days in Geneva each year. Dedicated informal meetings of legal, military and technical experts may be convened to address specific issues identified by the Chair in consultation with the Group as warranting further consideration, to facilitate the work of the Goup.

55. The widest possible participation of all High Contracting Parties is to be promoted in accordance with the goals of the CCW Sponsorship Programme.

56. The GGE Chair will be designated by consensus through a written silence procedure.

Decision 2

57. To continue the consolidated financial measures, as contained in Annex III of CCW/CONF.VI/11, adopted by the Sixth Review Conference of the Convention, which may

be reviewed during the review cycle of 2027-2031 by the Meetings of High Contracting Parties.

58. To establish one new full-time staff position (P-5) within the Implementation Support Unit, without prejudice to the decision of the 2009 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties (CCW/MSP/2009/5, paragraphs 34-37) on the establishment of the Implementation Support Unit, and taking into account Decision 1 of the Seventh Review Conference and the need for the Implementation Support Unit to render the necessary assistance and provide the services required for the intersessional period.

Decision 3

59. To include in the provisional agenda of the 2027 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties the following item "Emerging Issues in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention, including in the field of science and technology".

Decision 4

60. To continue the Sponsorship Programme.

Decision 5

61. To organize in 2027, in an in-person format in accordance with the regular practice under CCW, in accordance with the relevant decisions taken by the Twentieth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V and the Twenty-eighth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II, and subject to available resources, the following CCW related activities:

i. The Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on 6 September 2027;

ii. The Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on 7-8 September 2027;

iii. Group of Governmental Experts of the High Contracting Parties related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) on 1-5 March 2027, and 30 August-3 September 2027 and adopted its estimated costs (CCW/CONF.VII/7);

iv. The Twenty-first Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on 8 November 2027;

v. The Twenty-ninth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on 9 November 2027;

vi. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on 10-12 November 2027 and adopted its estimated costs (CCW/CONF.VII/8).

III.

Review

The Conference:

62. *Reaffirms* that the right of the parties to an armed conflict to choose methods or means of warfare is not unlimited, and recalls the obligation to determine, in the study, development, acquisition or adoption of a new weapon, means and method of warfare, whether its employment would, in some or all circumstances, be prohibited under any rule of international law applicable to the High Contracting Parties.

63. *Reaffirms* the need to continue, as appropriate, the codification and progressive development of the rules of international law applicable to certain conventional weapons which may be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects, and recalls the basic principle that reservations to the Convention or its Protocols must be in accordance with the object and purpose of the Convention or its Protocols, respectively.

64. *Underlines* the need to achieve universal adherence to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

65. *Welcomes* recent ratifications and accessions to the Convention and its annexed Protocols and urges the High Contracting Parties to accord high priority to their diplomatic efforts to encourage further adherence with a view to achieving universal adherence as soon as possible.

Article 1

66. Notes the provisions of Article 1, as amended on 21 December 2001.

67. Calls upon High Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to ratify, accept, approve or accede to, as appropriate, the amendment to Article 1.

Article 2

68. Reaffirms that nothing in the Convention or its annexed Protocols shall be interpreted as detracting from other obligations imposed upon the High Contracting Parties by International Humanitarian Law.

Article 3

69. Notes the provisions of Article 3.

Article 4

70. Acknowledges that 128 High Contracting Parties have ratified, accepted, acceded or succeeded to the Convention.

71. Calls upon States which are not parties to this Convention to ratify, accept, approve or accede to, as appropriate, the Convention, thus contributing to the achievement of universal adherence to the Convention.

Article 5

72. Notes the provisions of Article 5.

73. Recalls in particular the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article, which stipulates that each of the Protocols annexed to the Convention shall enter into force six months after the date by which twenty States have notified their consent to be bound by it.

Article 6

74. Encourages international cooperation in the field of dissemination of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and recognizes the importance of multilateral collaboration relating to instruction, the exchange of experience at all levels, the exchange of instructors and the organization of joint seminars. The Conference underlines the importance of the High Contracting Parties' obligation to disseminate this Convention and its annexed Protocols by which they are bound and, in particular, to include the content in their programmes of military instruction at all levels.

75. Welcomes the work of the Sponsorship Programme to promote awareness and understanding of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

76. Also welcomes the ongoing work of the Implementation Support Unit to produce promotional materials on the CCW and its Protocols and to maintain and update the CCW website.

Article 7

77. Notes the provisions of Article 7.

78. On compliance, the Conference welcomes the consensus reached on actions to reinforce implementation of the compliance mechanism of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

Article 8

79. Notes the provisions of Article 8.

80. Welcomes the work of the open-ended Group of Governmental Experts related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapon systems.

81. Recalls the consensus reached at all six previous Review Conferences that such conferences should continue to be held on a regular basis.

Article 9

82. Notes with satisfaction that the provisions of this Article have not been invoked.

Article 10

83. Notes the provisions of Article 10.

Article 11

84. Notes the provisions of Article 11.

Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I)

85. Notes the provisions of this Protocol.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and Technical Annex to the Protocol

86. Notes the provisions of this Protocol.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) and Technical Annex to the Protocol

87. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.

88. The Conference reaffirms the commitment of the High Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures under this Protocol and to ensure the full and effective national implementation of the obligations under this Protocol.

89. The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to reduce the indiscriminate effects of the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices and to ensure that any such weapons designed or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering are never used.

90. The Conference welcomes the decision by the Tenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2008, in the framework of revitalizing the work under Amended Protocol II and to further enhance its implementation, to establish an informal open-ended Group of Experts.

91. The Conference notes with satisfaction the activities conducted by the annual meetings of the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to review the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13, paragraph 4 of Amended Protocol II and the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines, as well as the issue of Improvised Explosive Device(s) (IED).

92. The Conference takes note of the annual reporting obligations of the High Contracting Parties under Amended Protocol II calls on the High Contracting Parties to fulfil these obligations in a timely, consistent and complete manner and notes with appreciation that 66 High Contracting Parties have submitted a national report in 2026

93. The Conference notes with satisfaction the continued substantive discussions on IED which provided the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II the opportunity to engage actively on a topic relevant to the provisions of Amended Protocol II and their implementation. It has been the focus of the High Contracting Parties

since 2009 to share experience on the scale of the humanitarian harm caused by IED and to consider efforts at the national, regional and international levels to defeat and prevent the unlawful use of IED and to reduce their indiscriminate effects through:

(a) Maintaining a compilation of existing technical guidelines, best practices, and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials which can be used for IED;

(b) Exchanging information on technical developments relevant to mitigating the threat posed by IED and the impact on civilians; and on risk awareness/public education campaigns;

(c) Exchanging information on IED incidents, and exploring solutions for automated information exchange, such as databases, portals or platforms;

(d) Keeping all High Contracting Parties apprised of all IED-relevant developments on other fora, so as to enable unity of actions;

(e) Agreeing on, and later updating, a one-time voluntary questionnaire with a view to enhancing information sharing, international cooperation and assistance and strengthening national capacities of the High Contracting Parties in mitigating the problem of IED, including through the establishment of a network of national points of contact.

94. The Conference recognizes the importance of equal opportunities for participation of women and men in the Group of Experts in support of its efforts to address the threats posed by IED.

95. The Conference welcomes the updated Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices adopted by the Twenty-eighth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.

96. The Conference notes with satisfaction the decision by the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to analyse the different reporting forms each year to improve the quality of reporting and of the information contained in the forms submitted.

97. The Conference also takes note of the decision by the Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2010 to synchronize the submission of the national annual reports with the submission of national reports under Protocol V to the Convention. The submission date for both reports was set at 31st March of every year to allow for their consideration by the Group of Experts.

98. The Conference notes with satisfaction that, in accordance with Article 13 of Amended Protocol II, twenty-seventh Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II have been held for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the Protocol.

99. The Conference recalls that the deferral period provided for in paragraphs 2 (c) and 3 (c) of the Technical Annex, which allows High Contracting Parties to defer compliance with the requirements of Article 4 on detectability of anti-personnel mines and of Article 5 on self-destruction and self-deactivation of anti-personnel mines, expired on 3 December 2007.

100. The Conference acknowledges the valuable work of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations; the International Committee of the Red Cross pursuant to its mandate to assist war victims; the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining; international and regional governmental organizations as well as of non-governmental organizations in a number of fields relevant to Amended Protocol II, in particular the care and rehabilitation of mine victims, the implementation of mine-awareness programmes and mine clearance.

101. The Conference recommends that future Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II be held back-to-back with Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and the Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III)

102. Notes the provisions of this Protocol and calls for their full implementation by all High Contracting Parties to the Protocol.

103. Notes the concerns raised by a number of High Contracting Parties over reports of use of incendiary weapons against civilians and condemns any use of incendiary weapons in violation of Protocol III or other applicable rules of International Humanitarian Law.

104. Calls on all parties to armed conflicts to respect relevant rules of International Humanitarian Law, including provisions of Protocol III where applicable.

Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV)

105. Notes the provisions of this Protocol and welcomes that there has been no confirmed use of blinding laser weapons. It also reminds High Contracting Parties of the need to take all feasible precautions, in the use of laser systems, to avoid incidence of permanent blindness to unenhanced vision, as required by Article 2.

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (Protocol V) and Technical Annex to the Protocol

106. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.

107. The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to address the deleterious humanitarian effects of explosive remnants of war.

108. The Conference appreciates the fact that since the Sixth Review Conference four new High Contracting Parties joined the Protocol which brings the total number to 100 and reiterates the need for further vigorous efforts from High Contracting Parties, the United Nations, international and regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations to promote universalization of the Protocol.

109. The Conference notes with appreciation achievements within Protocol V, especially the progress on the promotion and implementation of Articles 3 and 4, efforts to raise awareness of the needs of affected States in the area of cooperation and assistance; promotion of Article 8(2) and the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance, including initiation of the process to update the Plan of Action and future work in this regard, along with reporting on Victim Assistance; the discussion on clearance and technical assistance including on methods of ERW clearance; the discussion on the safe storage of munitions and the management of munitions sites; and that 64 High Contracting Parties have submitted a national report in 2026.

110. The Conference encourages the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to continue with their efforts to encourage a higher rate of national reporting, including through consideration at the Meeting of Experts; to consider in-depth the clearance of explosive remnants of war and generic preventive measures; and to prioritize the work on cooperation and assistance and victim assistance.

111. The Conference acknowledges the cooperative approach of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V and that this has been facilitated through the decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V in 2007 to establish a mechanism for consultation and cooperation consisting of informal meetings of experts chaired by coordinators of which there have been eighteen meetings. Each year the High Contracting Parties shall determine the focus of the meetings of experts to be chaired by coordinators.

112. The Conference further acknowledges that, in accordance with Article 10 of Protocol V, twenty Conferences of the High Contracting Parties have been held for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the operation of Protocol V.

113. The Conference notes with appreciation the decision of the Thirteenth Conference of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to appoint a Coordinator on Victim Assistance, also in view of liaising with other relevant legal instruments and fora, in order to ensure complementarity of efforts regarding victim assistance.

114. The Conference acknowledges the valuable contributions and work of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations, relevant international and regional organizations, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, as well as of non-governmental organizations in a number of fields relevant to Protocol V, in particular the care and rehabilitation of victims of explosive remnants of war, risk education, technical assistance and clearance, and removal or destruction of unexploded ordnance and abandoned explosive ordnance.

115. The Conference recommends that future Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V be held back-to-back with Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and the Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.

Annex I

Provisional agenda of the Seventh Review Conference

As recommended by the Preparatory Committee

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

Credentials

The President examined the credentials, copies of credentials and notes verbales for the following High Contracting Parties and States not Party:

A. High Contracting Parties

1. As of 1:00 p.m. on 20 November 2026.

(a) Formal credentials in due form had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following High Contracting Parties: Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following High Contracting Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference: Argentina, Cyprus, Estonia, Honduras, Lebanon, Paraguay, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, State of Palestine, Togo, Tunisia and Ukraine.

(c) The designation of the representatives of the following High Contracting Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by notes verbales or official letters: Gabon, Iraq, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

B. States not Party

2. As of 1:00 p.m. on 20 November 2026, the following States not Party to the Convention had accredited representatives:

(a) Signatories: Egypt, Nigeria and Sudan.

(b) Non-Signatories: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Oman, Samoa, Syria, and Thailand.

Annex III

Provisional Agenda of the 2027 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. Update by the Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (GGE on LAWS).
9. Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
10. Issues related to the Implementation Support Unit.
11. Emerging Issues in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention, including in the field of science and technology.
12. Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols.
13. Consideration of the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme.
14. Status of implementation of and compliance with the Convention and its Protocols.
15. Other matters.
16. Consideration and adoption of the final report.
17. 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/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.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/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
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

Symbol	*Title*
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
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.7 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Ireland, New Zealand, Panama and Mexico
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.8 [English only]	Working paper submitted by International Humanitarian Law Youth Initiative
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.9 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the International Committee of the Red Cross
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.10 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the Holy See
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.11 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, and the Philippines
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.12 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Business Innovation Research Dev
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.13 [Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.14 [Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.15 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the GICHD
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.16 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the European Union.
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.17 [English and Spanish only]	Working paper submitted by Cuba
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.18 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Uganda on behalf of the Group of the NAM and other States
CCW/CONV.VII/WP.19 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Uganda
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.20 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Lebanon
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.21 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Ukraine

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CCW/CONF.VII/WP.22 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Bulgaria
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.23 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the European Union
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.24 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Ireland
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.25 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Ireland
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.26 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Ireland
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.27 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Australia
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.28 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Türkiye
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.29 [English only]	Working paper submitted by South Africa
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.30 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Austria
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.31 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Latvia
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.32 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the United States of America
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.33 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Sweden
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.34 [Spanish only]	Working paper submitted by Spain
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.35 [Spanish only]	Working paper submitted by Spain
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.36 [Spanish only]	Working paper submitted by Spain
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.37 [English only]	Working paper submitted by Ukraine
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.38 [Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.39 [Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.40 [Russian only]	Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.41 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the Netherlands (Kingdom of)
CCW/CONF.VII/WP.42 [English only]	Working paper submitted by the Netherlands (Kingdom of)