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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Working paper submitted by Uganda on behalf of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and other States*

1. The NAM Group congratulates His Excellency, Ambassador Julien Thöni, on his election as President of the Seventh Review Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

2. The Group is confident that with your knowledge, experience and diplomatic skills you will be able to guide our work effectively towards achieving the common objectives of the Seventh Review Conference. The Group stands ready to engage constructively with you and other States Parties to bring this Review Conference to a successful conclusion.

3. Since the Sixth Review Conference, the 19th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held in Kampala, Uganda on 19th to 20th January 2024 and reaffirmed that a strengthened CCW is important for contributing to disarmament and arms control. The States Parties of NAM and other States Parties to the CCW re-emphasize the position of the Heads of State or Government of NAM States Parties to the CCW and its Protocols as reflected in the Final Document of the Summit.

4. The Group strongly believes that the universal adherence to and further strengthening of the Convention will make a significant contribution to progressive development of the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict and advancing further in the field of disarmament on the basis of universal, multilateral, non-discriminatory and transparent negotiations with the goal of reaching general and complete disarmament under strict international control.

5. The NAM States Parties and other States Parties to the CCW welcome the efforts and work carried out by the High Contracting Parties within the framework of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (GGE on LAWS) in implementation of its mandate and supports its continuation, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention, based on an agreed mandate.

6. The NAM Group congratulates His Excellency, Ambassador Robert in den Bosch and his team, on the conduct of the deliberations and the work carried out during the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Sessions of the Group of Governmental Experts.

7. The NAM States Parties and other States Parties to the CCW take note of the Report of the 2024-2025-2026 Sessions of the CCW GGE on LAWS contained in the document CCW/GGE.1/2026/3. The Group of NAM believes that this Review Conference provides an important opportunity to the High Contracting Parties to agree by consensus on the future mandate of the GGE on LAWS. The Coordinator of the Group of NAM would like to reiterate

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the readiness of the Group to engage constructively with the President of the Review Conference and the other States Parties on the continuation of the process.

8. The Group welcomes the conclusion that, to uphold compliance with international law applicable in armed conflict, in particular the principles and requirements of distinction, proportionality, and precautions in attack, control and human judgement with regard to LAWS are imperative. The NAM States Parties and other States Parties to the CCW reaffirm that the international humanitarian law continues to apply fully to all weapons systems, including the potential development and use of lethal autonomous weapons systems.

9. The Group of NAM is of the view that all weapons, including those with autonomous functions, must always remain under the direct control and supervision of humans and must comply with international law, including International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law.

10. The NAM States Parties and other States Parties to the CCW are of the view that given the substantive discussions in the GGE on LAWS, there is an urgent need to pursue a legally binding instrument under the Convention that will contain prohibitions and regulations for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of LAWS. NAM expects this to be reflected in a strengthened mandate for the future work of GGE on LAWS.

11. Concerning cross-cutting issues, the Group of NAM and Other States Parties to the CCW emphasizes the importance of the perspectives of women, men, boys and girls in considering the issues addressed by the Convention and its Protocols and underlines the vital role of the full and equal participation of women in decision-making and implementation of the Convention.

12. 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.

13. The NAM Group 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.

14. The Group of NAM and Other States Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) looks forward to engage and participate constructively and active manner to consider and review proposals with a view to reach a consensual outcome.