

Sixth 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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Agenda item 18

Reports of the Main Committees

Report of Main Committee I

Submitted by the Chairperson of Main Committee I

1. Rule 35 of the rules of procedure of the Sixth 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 provides that:

“There shall be two Main Committees, which shall receive their assignment from the Conference and report to it”

2. The Sixth Review Conference, at its first plenary meeting on 13 December 2021, decided to entrust Main Committee I with the mandate to “Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols” and “Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing protocols”.

3. The Committee held two meetings on 14 and on 15 December 2021, chaired by Ambassador Yuri Borrisov Sterk of Bulgaria, as Chairperson of the Committee, and Mr. Alonso Martinez of Mexico as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Ms. Heegyun Jung, Political Affairs Officer, served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. At its first meeting, on Tuesday 14 December 2021, the committee adopted its agenda (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/1) and its programme of work (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/2).

5. In the course of its consideration of items 12 and 13 of the agenda of the Sixth Review Conference, entitled respectively, “Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols”, and “Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols”, as well as considering the final document of the Conference, the Committee received and had before it the following presentations and documents:

(a) Promoting universality of the Convention and its Protocols (CCW/CONF.VI/4), presented by Ambassador Yann Hwang of France, President of the Sixth Review Conference;

(b) Report of the Sponsorship Programme (CCW/CONF.VI/3), presented by the Implementation Support Unit;

(c) Report of the Implementation Support Unit (CCW/CONF.VI/5), presented by the Implementation Support Unit;

(d) Draft Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/L.1); and

(e) Draft Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/L.2);

(f) Draft Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/L.3).



6. The Committee considered and transmits for finalisation and adoption by the Sixth Review Conference the text as contained in Draft Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/L.3).

7. The Committee notes that certain parts of the text of CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/L.3 and proposed draft decisions do not enjoy consensus and will need to be considered by the plenary.

8. At its final meeting on 16 December 2021, the Committee adopted its draft report (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/CRP.1), which is being issued as document (CCW/CONF.VI/MC.I/3).
