

**Excerpts from the Final Document of the Second Review Conference, as  
contained in CCW/CONF.II/2**

**“FINAL DECLARATION**

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, WHICH MET IN GENEVA FROM 11 TO 21 DECEMBER 2001, TO REVIEW THE SCOPE AND OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE PROTOCOLS ANNEXED THERETO AND TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS OF THE CONVENTION OR OF THE EXISTING PROTOCOLS, AS WELL AS PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS RELATING TO OTHER CATEGORIES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS NOT COVERED BY THE EXISTING ANNEXED PROTOCOLS

[...]

- DECIDE to commission follow up work on decisions arising from the Second Review Conference of the Convention, under the oversight of the Chairman-designate of a meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held on 12 - 13 December 2002 in Geneva, in conjunction with the Fourth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II, which may begin on 11 December 2002.
- DECIDE to establish an open-ended Group of Governmental Experts with separate Coordinators to:
  - (a) discuss ways and means to address the issue of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW). In this context the Group shall consider all factors, appropriate measures and proposals, in particular:
    1. factors and types of munitions that could cause humanitarian problems after a conflict;
    2. technical improvements and other measures for relevant types of munitions, including sub-munitions, which could reduce the risk of such munitions becoming ERW;
    3. the adequacy of existing International Humanitarian Law in minimizing post-conflict risks of ERW, both to civilians and to the military;
    4. warning to the civilian population, in or close to, ERW-affected areas, clearance of ERW, the rapid provision of information to facilitate early and safe clearance of ERW, and associated issues and responsibilities;
    5. assistance and cooperation.

The Coordinator shall undertake work in an efficient manner so as to submit recommendations, adopted by consensus, at an early date for consideration by the States Parties, including whether to proceed with negotiating a legally-binding instrument or instruments on ERW and/or other approaches.

- (b) further explore the issue of mines other than anti-personnel mines. The Coordinator shall submit a report, adopted by consensus, to the States Parties.
- DECIDE that the Chairman-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols, taking into account proposals put forward, and shall submit a report, adopted by consensus, to the States Parties.
- DECIDE to invite interested States Parties to convene experts to consider possible issues related to small calibre weapons and ammunition, such as:
  - military requirements
  - scientific and technical factors/methodology
  - medical factors
  - legal/treaty obligations/standards
  - financial implications

and in this respect, report on their work to the States Parties to the Convention. These meetings shall have no implications for the CCW budget.

The intersessional work will be undertaken in three sessions during 2002:

- 20 – 24 May 2002
- 8 – 19 July 2002 or 22 July – 2 August 2002
- 2 – 10 December 2002

The Chairman-designate shall consult States Parties on financial arrangements and the programme of work. The intersessional work will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention.”

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