

Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference

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Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting

Final report, First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference^{*}, ^{**}

I. Introduction

1. Article 12 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions provides that “a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention” and that “further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years.” Article 12 also provides that “the purpose of the Review Conference shall be:

- (a) To review the operation and status of this Convention;
- (b) To consider the need for and the interval between further Meetings of States Parties referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11 of this Convention; and
- (c) To take decisions on submissions of States Parties as provided for in Articles 3 and 4 of the Convention.”

2. Article 12 further provides that “all States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference” and that “States not party to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organisations or institutions, regional organisations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and relevant non-governmental organisations may be invited to attend each Review Conference as observers in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure.”

3. At the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties to the CCM, the States Parties decided that the First and Second Preparatory Meetings for the Third Review Conference would take place in Geneva on 30 March and 1 July 2026, respectively, and that the Third Review Conference would take place from 14 to 18 September 2026 in Vientiane in Lao PDR.¹

4. At the same Meeting, the States Parties also elected H.E. Mr. Thongsavan PHOMVIHANE, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR, as President of the Third Review Conference.² In accordance with the decision taken at the First

^{*} The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

^{**} The present document is being issued without formal editing.

¹ CCM/MSP/2025/21, paragraph 99.

² *ibid*, paragraph 98.

Review Conference, his term commenced on the day following the conclusion of the Thirteenth Meeting of States Parties until the last day of the Third Review Conference.

5. By note verbale dated 25 March 2026 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR appointed H.E. Mr. Daovy Vongxay, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva to preside over the First and Second Preparatory Meetings of the Third Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. In accordance with established procedures and practices, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on 26 March 2026 conducted a silence procedure conveying the Note Verbale received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR. No objections were received during the silence procedure.

6. By operative paragraph 9 of resolution 80/52, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to continue to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the Second Review Conference and subsequent Meetings of States Parties. Accordingly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations convened the First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference and invited all States Parties, as well as States not parties to the Convention, to participate in the Meeting.

7. Following a silence procedure that lasted from 11 to 19 December 2025, States Parties approved a revised cost estimate for the Third Review Conference as contained in CCM/MSP/2025/19/Rev.1.

II. Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference

8. The First Preparatory Meeting for the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions was held at the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland on 30 March 2026.

9. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting: Albania; Australia; Austria; Belgium, Bulgaria; Cameroon; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba; Denmark; Ecuador; France; Germany; Guatemala; Holy See; Hungary; Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malawi; Mexico; Montenegro; Netherlands (Kingdom of the); New Zealand; Nicaragua; North Macedonia; Norway; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Portugal; Republic of Moldova; Slovakia, Slovenia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sweden; Switzerland; Tunisia; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Uruguay and Zambia.

10. The following States signatories to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting as observers: Cyprus and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

11. Marshall Islands; Saudi Arabia; Türkiye and Venezuela also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers.

12. The Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL CMC), Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (2) of the Rules of procedure.

13. Apopo, Humanity & Inclusion, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), The Halo Trust took part in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (3) of the Rules of procedure.

14. Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, Conference on Disarmament Secretariat and Conference Support Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs served as Secretary of the Meeting.

15. Ms. Pamela Moraga, Director of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, participated in the work of the Meeting.

III. Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

16. On 30 March 2026, the First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference was opened by H.E. Mr. Daovy Vongxay, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lao PDR to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and representative of the President of the Third Review Conference.

17. The Meeting held two plenary meetings.

18. The Meeting adopted its provisional Agenda, as contained in document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/1. The Meeting also considered the draft Agenda for the Third Review Conference as contained in document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/2, a provisional Programme of work as contained in document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/3 and confirmed the Rules of procedure as contained in document CCM/MSP/2010/3, *mutatis mutandis*.

19. The Meeting confirmed Ms. Régimbal, Chief of Service, Conference on Disarmament Secretariat and Conference Support Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs as Secretary-General of the Meeting.

20. The Meeting also unanimously confirmed the observer status of the organisations, participating under rule 1(3) of the Rules of procedure.

21. The Meeting addressed the Review of the operation and status of the Convention from 2021 to 2026 and implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan.

22. The Meeting also discussed elements for the Vientiane Capital Action Plan 2027-2031 on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.4.

23. The Meeting discussed general views on a Political Declaration.

24. Furthermore, the Meeting discussed implementation support including other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.2 concerning the Programme of Meetings post-Third Review Conference and, CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.3 concerning the Coordination Committee and the role of President.

25. The Meeting also heard a presentation made by the Secretariat on the status of assessed contributions received towards the estimated costs of the Third Review Conference and its Preparatory Meetings.

26. A list of documents submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference is contained in the annex to this report. The procedural documents are available in all official languages through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>) while working papers are available in English.

IV. Decisions and recommendations

27. The Meeting agreed to recommend to the Third Review Conference the draft Agenda for the Third Review Conference as contained in CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/2, the provisional Programme of work for the Third Review Conference as contained in CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/3, and the Rules of procedure, as contained in CCM/MSP/2010/3, *mutatis mutandis*.

28. The Meeting agreed to recommend the Presidents of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Meetings of States Parties and the President-designate of the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties as Vice-Presidents of the Third Review Conference.

29. The Meeting took note of the papers submitted in preparation for the Third Review Conference and expressed general satisfaction that their contents would support the on-going efforts to develop the Review document of the implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan

2021-2026 and the Vientiane Capital Action Plan covering the period following the Third Review Conference.

30. The Meeting invited States Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme in 2026 to ensure the broadest possible participation in the Third Review Conference.

31. In the context of considering the financial status of assessed contributions to the Third Review Conference, the Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not party participating in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention to ensure prompt and full payment of their respective assessed contributions and strict compliance with their obligations pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention.

32. The Meeting adopted its draft Final report, as orally amended to be issued as document CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/4.

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Annex

List of documents submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/1	Provisional Agenda for the First Preparatory Meeting
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/2	Draft Provisional Agenda for the Third Review Conference
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/3	Draft Provisional Programme of work for the Third Review Conference
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/4	Final report
CCM/MSP/2010/3	Rules of procedures
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.1	Concept note on Third Review Conference preparatory process and substantive documents (updated as of 29 January 2026)
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.2	Reflections and considerations for the CCM Programme of Meetings post-Third Review Conference
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.3	Reflections and considerations on the Coordination Committee and the role of the President
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/WP.4	Elements for the CCM Vientiane Capital Action Plan 2027-2031
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft final report
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/INF.1	List of Participants
CCM/CONF/2026/PM.1/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants