

**THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH  
CONTRACTING PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V  
ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR 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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**Review of the status and operation of the Protocol**

## **REPORT ON NATIONAL REPORTING**

Submitted by the Coordinator<sup>1</sup> on National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol, and Article 4 Generic Electronic Template

1. During the 2009 Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (22-24 April 2009), the Coordinator introduced the subject of the National Reporting as well as Discussion Paper 1 titled “**Elements to be included in a possible Guide to National Reporting under Protocol V**”. A number of elements were reiterated during the consideration of this issue, primarily:

- (a) The role of the Protocol V as a major international humanitarian law instrument;
- (b) The importance of national reporting as a Confidence-Building Measure and a valuable tool for developing national culture of implementing the provisions of the Protocol;
- (c) The formal obligation of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to submit National Reports, including how best to fulfill this obligation;
- (d) The importance of timely submission of National Reports.

2. Subsequently, informal consultations based on Discussion Paper 1 were held during and after the 2009 Meeting of Experts with a view to elaborate a Guide on National Reporting as a handy set of recommendations that would help the High Contracting Parties in collecting and submitting comprehensive information as required under their reporting obligation. The draft “**Guide to National Reporting under CCW Protocol V**” is contained in an Addendum to this report.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the relevant decision of the Second Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, as contained in paragraph 46 (d) of its Final Document (CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/12) the discussions on National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol and on Article 4 Generic Electronic Template were coordinated by Mr. Henrik Markuš of Slovakia.

- 3 It is recommended that the Third Conference of the High Contracting Parties:
- (a) Approve the draft “**Guide to National Reporting under CCW Protocol V**” as a document representing a check list of questions to be used as a tool at the discretion of the High Contracting Parties to facilitate the filling-out of the forms of the National Reporting under Protocol V by providing the information referred to in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Final Document of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties.
  - (b) Recommend to the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (and observer States submitting their national reports on a voluntary basis) to use the Guide in order to provide the above-mentioned information in the most comprehensive way possible.
  - (c) Decide to continue to evaluate the reporting mechanism, including the Reporting Formats referred to in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Final Document of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties and to request the Protocol V informal Meeting of Experts in 2010 to make recommendations on the above for consideration by the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.
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