

Group of Governmental Experts 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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Adoption of the procedural report

Procedural Report

1. The Meeting 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 (CCW) held at Geneva on 12 and 13 November 2009 decided, as contained in paragraph 40 of its Report (CCW/MSP/2009/5), that:

“The Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) will continue its negotiations, informed by the Chairperson’s consolidated text dated 26 August 2009¹, and taking into account document CCW/GGE/2009-II/2, Annex I², and other past, present and future proposals by delegations, to address urgently the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions, while striking a balance between military and humanitarian considerations.

The GGE will conclude its negotiations as rapidly as possible and report to the next Meeting of the High Contracting Parties.

The work of the GGE will be supported by experts on issues relevant to the negotiations.

The GGE will meet from 12 to 16 April 2010 and from 30 August to 3 September 2010.”

2. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties decided, as contained in paragraph 38 of its Report (CCW/MSP/2009/5), that the Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention will take place in 2011. The Meeting also decided that the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on the preparation of the Fourth Review Conference and shall report to the next Meeting of the High Contracting Parties.

3. The Meeting of the High Contracting Parties decided, as contained in paragraph 44 of its Report (CCW/MSP/2009/5), to designate Ambassador Gancho Ganev of Bulgaria as Chairperson of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to be held in 2010, and

¹ Document CCW/MSP/2009/WP.1, titled “Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions”.

² Titled “Cluster Munitions”.

appointed Minister Jesus S. Domingo of the Philippines as Chairperson of the Group of Governmental Experts.

4. The first 2010 session of the Group of Governmental Experts was held at Geneva from 12 to 16 April 2010.

5. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Group: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

6. The following Signatory States to the Convention also participated in the work of the Group: Egypt and Nigeria.

7. The following States not parties to the Convention participated as observers: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Haiti, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Thailand, and Timor Leste.

8. The representatives of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) took part in the work of the Group.

9. The representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) took part in the work of the Group. The representatives of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) also participated in the work of the Group.

10. The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations took part in the work of the Group: Action on Armed Violence, Association Internationale des Soldats de la Paix (AISP), Cluster Munition Coalition, Handicap International, Human Rights Watch, International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), Mine Action Canada, and Pax Christi International (Netherlands).

11. On 12 April 2010, the session was opened by the Chairperson, Minister Jesus S. Domingo of the Philippines. He was assisted by Lt. Col. Leonidas Hidalgo of the Philippines as Chairperson of the Meetings of the Military and Technical Experts (MMTE); and Friends of the Chair: Mr. Philip Kimpton of Australia, Ms. Anesa Kundurovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Lt. Col. Jim Burke of Ireland. Mr. Peter Kolarov, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, served as Secretary of the Group and was assisted by Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Political Affairs Officer.

12. The Group held plenary meetings and informal group meetings. At its first plenary meeting, on 12 April 2010, the Group adopted the agenda as contained in Annex I, and agreed to also use it at its Second 2010 session. The Group also confirmed the Rules of Procedure as adopted and used by the Third Review Conference (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part III).

13. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2009, the Group of Governmental Experts devoted time for the consideration of the preparation for the 2011 Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention at a plenary meeting on 14 April 2010. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Gancho Ganev of Bulgaria and considered a working paper

presented by the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties titled “Food-for-Thought Paper – Fourth 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” as contained in CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.1.

14. At its final plenary meeting, on 16 April 2010, the Group of Governmental Experts considered the report of the Chairperson.

15. As decided by the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2009, the Group of Governmental Experts will hold its Second 2010 Session from 30 August to 3 September 2010.

16. At the same plenary meeting, the Group of Governmental Experts adopted the procedural report of its First 2010 Session, as contained in document CCW/GGE/2010-I/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/GGE/2010-I/7.

Annex I

Agenda as adopted during the first plenary meeting on 12 April 2010

1. Opening of the session of the Group of Governmental Experts
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Confirmation of the rules of procedure
4. Organization of work of the Group of Governmental Experts and its Meetings of Military and Technical Experts
5. Background documentation
6. Cluster munitions
7. Fourth 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
8. Report of the Meetings of Military and Technical Experts
9. Any other issue
10. Adoption of the procedural report

Annex II

Programme of Work as adopted at the first plenary meeting on 12 April 2010

Monday, 12 April 2010	10.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening formalities; General exchange of views; General provisions; scope of application; Definitions; Protection of civilians, the civilian population and civilian objects
	15.00 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General prohibitions and restrictions; transition periods
Tuesday, 13 April 2010	10.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General prohibitions and restrictions; transition periods (cont.)
	15.00 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage and stockpiles destruction; Transfers MMTE³
Wednesday, 14 April 2010	10.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparations for the Fourth CCW Review Conference Clearance and destruction; recording, retaining and transfer of information; Protection of humanitarian missions MMTE
	15.00 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General provisions; scope of application; Definitions; Protection of civilians, the civilian population and civilian objects (cont.) Victim assistance; Cooperation and assistance; Consultations of the States parties; Compliance; Other relevant issues
Thursday, 15 April 2010	10.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage and stockpiles destruction; Transfers (cont.) General prohibitions and restrictions (cont.)
	15.00 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearance and destruction; recording, retaining and transfer of information; Protection of humanitarian missions (cont.) Victim assistance; Cooperation and assistance; Consultations of the States parties; Compliance; Other relevant issues (cont.)
Friday, 16 April 2010	10.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General prohibitions and restrictions; transition periods (cont.) Storage and stockpiles destruction; Transfers (cont.) Any pending issue
	15.00 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap-up; Adoption of the Procedural Report; Closure of the session

³ Meetings of military and technical experts

Annex III

List of Documents of the First 2010 Session of the Group of Governmental Experts

CCW/GGE/2010-I/1	Provisional Agenda, submitted by the Chairperson
CCW/GGE/2010-I/2	Provisional Programme of Work, submitted by the Chairperson
CCW/GGE/2010-I/3	Report of Friend of the Chair on Definitions and related technical issues
CCW/GGE/2010-I/4	Report of Chair of Meetings of Military and Technical Experts
CCW/GGE/2010-I/5	Report of the Friend of the Chair on Victim Assistance
CCW/GGE/2010-I/6	Report of the Friend of the Chair on the issue of anti-ship and anti-runway munitions
CCW/GGE/2010-I/7	Procedural Report, submitted by the Secretariat
CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.1	Food-for-thought paper. Fourth 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
CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.2	Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions, submitted by the Chairperson
CCW/GGE/2010-I/CRP.1	Draft Procedural Report, submitted by the Secretariat
CCW/GGE/2010-I/INF.1	List of Participants
CCW/GGE/2010-I/MISC.1	Provisional List of Participants

The documents above are available in all official languages through the Official Document System of the United Nations at <http://documents.un.org>, and the official CCW website as part of the website of the United Nations Office at Geneva at <http://www.unog.ch/CCW>.
