

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

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

² Titled “Cluster Munitions”.

4. The Second 2010 Session of the Group of Governmental Experts was held at Geneva from 30 August to 3 September 2010.
5. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Group: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, 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, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, and Zambia.
8. The representatives of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), 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 European Union took part in the work of the Group. The representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as 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, Cluster Munition Coalition and Human Rights Watch.
11. The representative of Textron Defense Systems (USA) also participated in the work of the Group.
12. On 30 August 2010, the session was opened by the Chairperson, Minister Jesus S. Domingo of the Philippines. He was assisted by Lt. Col. Leonidas L. 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.
13. At its first plenary meeting, on 30 August 2010, the Group confirmed the agenda as adopted at the first session of the Group (CCW/GGE/2010-I/7, Annex I) and the Rules of Procedure as adopted and used by the Third Review Conference (CCW/CONF.III/11, Part III).
14. The Group held plenary meetings and informal group meetings and considered documents CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.2 and CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.1 and CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.2 titled "Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions", referred to as the "Chair's text", as well as documents CCW/GGE/2010-II/CRP.1 and CCW/GGE/2010-II/MISC.1, as listed in the Annex.
15. 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 31 August 2010. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Gancho Ganev of Bulgaria and considered documents CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1 to CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.3 presented by the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties titled the “Draft provisional agenda of the Fourth Review Conference”, “Dates, venue and structure of the Fourth Review Conference”, and “Presiding officers of the CCW Review Conferences”, respectively.

16. At its final plenary meeting, on 3 September 2010, the Group of Governmental Experts considered document CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.2 titled “Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions”, referred to as the “Chair’s text”. The Group did not reach any conclusion and decided to submit the issue for consideration and decision by the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

17. At its final plenary meeting, on 3 September 2010, the Group of Governmental Experts considered the report of the Chairperson.

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

Annex

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

CCW/GGE/2010-II/1	Procedural report, submitted by the Secretariat
CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.1	Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions, submitted by Chairperson
CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.2	Draft Protocol on Cluster Munitions, submitted by Chairperson
CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1	Provisional agenda of the Fourth Review Conference, submitted by the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties
CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.2	Dates, venue and structure of the Fourth Review Conference, submitted by the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties
CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.3	Presiding officers of the CCW Review Conferences, submitted by the Chairperson-designate of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties
CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.4	List of participants
CCW/GGE/2010-II/CRP.1	Draft procedural report
CCW/GGE/2010-II/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>.
