
**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**

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Chairperson: Mr. Ganev(Bulgaria)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

Consideration of the report of the work of the Group of Governmental Experts

(continued)

1. **The Chairperson** invited the participants to consider the proposed text setting out the mandate of the Group of Governmental Experts for 2011, which he had prepared in the light of the most recent consultations on the matter, held following the previous meeting, and which read:

“The Group of Governmental Experts will meet from 21 to 25 February, from 28 March to 1 April and from 22 to 26 August 2011.

The Group will conduct preparatory work for the Fourth Review Conference under the overall responsibility of the President-designate.

The Group will continue its negotiations informed by the Chair’s text on a draft protocol on cluster munitions (CCW/GGE/2010-II/WP.2) and taking into account other past, present and future proposals by delegations, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration by the Fourth Review Conference to address urgently the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions while striking a balance between military and humanitarian considerations. The work of the Group will be supported by experts on relevant issues.

The Group will report to the Fourth Review Conference.”

2. **The Chairperson** said he took it that the Meeting wished to accept the proposed text as the mandate of the Group of Governmental Experts for 2011.

3. *It was so decided.*

Preparation for the Fourth Review Conference *(continued)* (CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.1; CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1-3; CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.1 and 2)

4. Recalling that the 2009 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties had instructed him to undertake consultations on the preparation of the Fourth Review Conference and to report to the 2010 Meeting (CCW/MSP/2009/5, para. 38), **the Chairperson** drew attention to the four documents he had submitted in connection with the Conference: a food-for-thought paper (CCW/GGE/2010-I/WP.1), on which the draft provisional agenda (CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1) and the information document on the dates, venue and structure of the Conference (CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.2) were based, and a document summarizing the composition of the bureaux of the previous review conferences (CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.3). In addition, participants had before them two conference room papers detailing the estimated costs of the Conference (CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.2) and those of the sessions of the Group of Governmental Experts (CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.1), as established by the secretariat.

5. The Meeting was asked to decide on four issues: the dates and venue of the Conference; the estimated costs of the Conference and of the preparatory work; the draft provisional agenda of the Conference; and the designation of the President of the Conference.

6. With regard to the dates and venue of the Conference, it was proposed that the Conference should be held in Geneva from 14 to 25 November 2011, not from 17 to 25 November as indicated in document CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.2. Concerning the estimated costs, the Meeting had just decided to entrust the Group of Governmental Experts with the preparatory work for the Conference; it would therefore be appropriate to consider the estimated costs of the Group’s sessions at the same time as those of the Conference itself.

With regard to the draft provisional agenda, he pointed out that that document followed the same structure as the provisional agenda of the Third Review Conference.

7. **Mr. Nugroho** (Secretary-General of the Meeting) drew attention to an error at the end of paragraph 1 of document CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.2 on the estimated costs of the Conference: the year should read “2011” rather than “2010”.

8. **Ms. Bleoancă** (Romania), speaking on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States, proposed that Mr. Ganev of Bulgaria should be designated President of the Fourth Review Conference in 2011.

9. **Mr. Quintanilla Román** (Cuba), speaking on behalf of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States, endorsed the proposal made by the representative of Romania.

10. **Mr. Hoffmann** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, said that the Group likewise supported the proposal made by the representative of Romania.

11. **Mr. Quintanilla Román** (Cuba), speaking as the representative of Cuba, said that, while his delegation accepted the proposed dates and structure of the Conference and the proposal that the Group of Governmental Experts should be tasked with the preparation of the Conference, it could not accept the inclusion in the agenda of the Conference of a sub-item entitled “Termination of Protocol II”, as suggested in document CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.2, paragraph 5 (d) — it would be more judicious to say “Analysis of Protocol II” — or the consideration under item 13 of the draft agenda (CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1) of a proposal for a protocol on mines other than anti-personnel mines.

12. **The Chairperson**, taking note of the comments made by the representative of Cuba, said he took it that the Meeting wished to approve the proposed venue (Geneva) and dates (14–25 November 2011) of the Fourth Review Conference; the estimated costs of the Conference as set out in document CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.2, with the amendment to paragraph 1; the dates of the three sessions of the Group of Governmental Experts (21–25 February, 28 March–1 April and 22–26 August 2011) and the corresponding estimated costs, as set out in document CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.1; the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (CCW/GGE/2010-II/INF.1); and his designation as President of the Fourth Review Conference.

13. *It was so decided.*

Consideration and adoption of the final document (CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.3; non-paper circulated in the meeting room in English only)

14. **The Chairperson** drew attention to the draft final report of the Meeting (CCW/MSP/2010/CRP.3) and to the non-paper containing proposed additional paragraphs 34 to 41, both of those documents being available in English only, and invited participants to consider and adopt them chapter by chapter or, as necessary, paragraph by paragraph, before adopting the draft final report as a whole.

Chapter I (Introduction)

Paragraphs 1 to 9

15. *Paragraphs 1 to 9 were adopted.*

Chapter II (Organization of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties)

Paragraphs 10 to 16

16. *Paragraphs 10 to 16 were adopted.*

Chapter III (Work of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties)

Paragraphs 17 to 27

17. **Mr. Goose** (Human Rights Watch) requested the inclusion of Human Rights Watch in the list, contained in paragraph 22, of organizations that had taken part in the general exchange of views.

18. **Mr. Quintanilla Román** (Cuba) pointed out that the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and Other States had endorsed the reappointment of Mr. Domingo of the Philippines as Chairperson of the Group of Governmental Experts.

19. *Paragraphs 17 to 27, as orally amended, were adopted.*

Chapter IV (Conclusions and recommendations)

Paragraphs 28 to 33

20. Referring to paragraph 33, **the Chairperson** recalled that the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties had decided to keep the issue of mines other than anti-personnel mines under consideration under the overall responsibility of the Chairperson-designate.

21. *Paragraphs 28 to 33 were adopted.*

Paragraphs 34 to 41

22. *Paragraphs 34 to 41 were adopted.*

23. *The draft final report of the 2010 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

Other matters

24. **Ms. Pleština** (Croatia) thanked the representative of Human Rights Watch for having drawn the attention of participants to the issue of incendiary weapons and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III). She commended Human Rights Watch for the excellent quality of the document it had prepared and disseminated on that subject. The issue would undoubtedly require further debate.

Closure of the Meeting

25. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the Meeting closed.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.