

**Fifth 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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**Draft Text on Protocol V for the CCW Fourth Review
Conference**

Submitted by the President-designate

Under agenda item 12 titled “Preparation for review conferences” of the Fifth Conference on Protocol V, there is an opportunity to discuss the text on Protocol V which will be included in the Final Document of the CCW Fourth Review Conference. In preparation for this discussion, the following text is proposed:

- (a) The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.
- (b) The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to address the harmful humanitarian effects of explosive remnants of war.
- (c) The Conference appreciates the fact that since the Third Review Conference 49 new High Contracting Parties joined the Protocol which brings the total number to 76 and reiterates the need for further vigorous efforts from High Contracting Parties, United Nations, international and regional organizations, International Committee of the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations to promote universalization of the Protocol.
- (d) The Conference encourages the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to continue their much needed work on implementation in the areas of the clearance of explosive remnants of war, recording and transferring information on explosive ordnance and abandoned explosive ordnance under Article 4, generic preventive measures, victim assistance, cooperation and assistance, national reporting, as well as the maintenance of the Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V).
- (e) The Conference acknowledges the cooperative approach of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V and that this has been facilitated through the decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V in 2007 to establish a mechanism for consultation and cooperation consisting of informal meetings of experts chaired by coordinators of which there have been four meetings.
- (f) The Conference further acknowledges that, in accordance with Article 10 of Protocol V, five Conferences of the High Contracting Parties have been held for the

purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the operation of Protocol V.

(g) The Conference acknowledges the valuable contributions and work of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations; International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, as well as of non-governmental organizations in a number of fields relevant to Protocol V, in particular the care and rehabilitation of victims of explosive remnants of war, risk education, and clearance, removal or destruction of unexploded ordnance and abandoned explosive ordnance.

(h) The Conference recommends that future Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V be held back-to-back with any meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and the Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.
