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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I. Introduction

1. Article 10 (1) and (2) of Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) states the following:

"1. The High Contracting Parties undertake to consult and co-operate with each other on all issues related to the operation of this Protocol. For this purpose, a Conference of High Contracting Parties shall be held as agreed to by a majority, but no less than eighteen High Contracting Parties.

2. The work of the conferences of High Contracting Parties shall include:

(a) Review of the status and operation of this Protocol;

(b) Consideration of matters pertaining to national implementation of this Protocol, including national reporting or updating on an annual basis;

(c) Preparation for review conferences."

2. By resolution A/RES/65/89, the General Assembly of the United Nations emphasized "the importance of the universalization of the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (Protocol V)," and welcomed "the commitment of States parties to the Protocol [...] to the effective and efficient implementation of the Protocol [...]." It also requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required [...], as well as for any continuation of work after the meetings."

3. The Meeting of Experts to Protocol V took place from 6 to 8 April 2011 in Geneva, as decided by the Fourth Conference as stipulated in paragraph 43 of its Final Document, CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/11.

4. The Fourth Conference decided, as stipulated in paragraph 44 of its Final Document, CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/11, that the Meeting of Experts should especially focus on the following issues:

(a) Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW, pursuant to Article 3 of the Protocol, and the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Ms. Petra Drexler of Germany;

(b) Victim assistance, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Karner of Austria, to be assisted by Ms. Danijela Žunec Brandt of Croatia, as Friend of the Coordinator;

(c) Cooperation and assistance and Requests for assistance pursuant to Article 7 of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. James C. O'Shea of Ireland;

(d) The Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V), under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Gyula Somogyi of Hungary;

(e) National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Amandeep S. Gill of India;

(f) Generic preventive measures, pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Navy Captain Eric Steinmyller of France.

5. The Fourth Conference also decided, as stipulated in paragraph 45 of its Final Document, that in implementing the Plan of Action to Promote Universality of the

Convention and its annexed Protocols as adopted by the Third Review Conference, the Meeting of Experts should consider the issue of the universalization of Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War under the overall responsibility of the President-designate of the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.

6. The First Conference decided, as stipulated in paragraph 42 of its Final Document, CCW/P.V/CONF/2007/1 that the work of the Meetings of Experts shall be considered by the Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to be held annually.

7. The Fourth Conference in paragraph 46 of its Final Document decided that the dates and duration of the Fifth Conference would be determined by the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2010.

8. The Fourth Conference also decided in paragraph 47 of its Final Document, to nominate Ambassador Mikhail Khvostov of Belarus as President-designate of the Fifth Conference, and a representative of Ireland and a representative of the Non-Aligned Movement as Vice-Presidents-designate.

II. Organization of the Fifth Conference

9. Pursuant to the decision of the 2010 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention, as stipulated in paragraph 37 of its Final Document, the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War was held at Geneva on 9 and 10 November 2011.

10. The following High Contracting Parties to Protocol V participated in the work of the Conference: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Uruguay.

11. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention, which has notified its consent to be bound by Protocol V, but for which it is not yet in force, participated in the work of the Conference: Argentina, Burundi and Poland.

12. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Conference as observers: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cuba, Djibouti, Greece, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Morocco, Niger, Philippines, Serbia, South Africa, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

13. The following States Signatories: Afghanistan, Egypt, Sudan and Viet Nam participated in the work of the Conference as observers.

14. The representatives of the Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Mozambique, Singapore and Thailand participated in the work of the Conference as observers.

15. The representatives of the following organizations also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, United Nations Mine Action Service and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. The other international organizations took part in

the Conference: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

16. The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: Cluster Munition Coalition and Human Rights Watch.

III. Work of the Fifth Conference

17. The Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War was opened on 9 November 2011 by the President of the Fourth Conference, Ambassador Peter Woolcott of Australia.

18. The Conference held four plenary meetings. At its first plenary meeting, on 9 November 2011, the Conference confirmed the nomination of Ambassador Mikhail Khvostov of Belarus as President of the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V. It also confirmed the nomination of Ambassador Gerard Corr of Ireland and Ambassador Zamir Akram of Pakistan as Vice-Presidents of the Fifth Conference.

19. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/1, and confirmed the Rules of Procedure, as contained in Annex II of the Final Document of the First Conference (CCW/P.V/CONF/2007/1).

20. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference, as recommended by the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/10).

21. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference appointed Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Head of the CCW Implementation Support Unit, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

22. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference decided to conduct its work in plenary meetings.

23. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference received a message from Mr. Ban Kimoon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, which was delivered by Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director General of the United Nations Office of Geneva and Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament.

24. The following States participated in the general exchange of views: Australia, Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Burundi, China, Croatia, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States of America. The representatives of UNMAS (on behalf of the United Nations Mine Action Team) and ICRC also took part in the general exchange of views.

25. Pursuant to the decision by the First Conference to establish a database on Protocol V, in accordance with its Article 10 (2) (b), consisting of the national reports, annual or immediate updates of the national reports, and/or summary cover pages, if applicable, on matters pertaining to the implementation of Protocol V, as stipulated in paragraphs 24-28 of its Final Document (CCW/P.V/CONF/2007/1), the Conference had before it national annual reports from the following States: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America.

26. During the course of the meeting the Conference considered documents CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/1 to CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/11 as listed in Annex IV. The documents of the Conference are available in all official languages through the Official Document System of the United Nations at http://documents.un.org, and the website of the CCW Protocol V at http://www.unog.ch/ccw.

27. During the course of the meeting the Conference heard presentations and interventions by: Afghanistan, Argentina Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, China, Croatia, Estonia, Ethiopia, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, India, Ireland, Israel, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sudan, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America and Viet Nam. The representatives of UNMAS, UNMAT, UNODA, WHO, ICRC and ICBL also participated.

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

A. Universalization

28. The Fifth Conference welcomed the States, which have consented to be bound by Protocol V since the Fourth Conference in 2010: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Panama, Poland, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The Conference welcomed the announcement by Burundi that sent to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs its notification of consent to be bound by Protocol V.

29. The Conference recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of Protocol V, and the President of the Fifth Conference, on behalf of the High Contracting Parties, exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of Protocol V. To this effect, the Conference requested the President to consider reporting to the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on his endeavors. The Conference also called on the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V and the CCW Implementation Support Unit to promote wider adherence to Protocol V, pursuant to Actions 2 to 5 of the Plan of Action to Promote the Universality of the Convention and its annexed Protocols as adopted by the Third Review Conference.

B. Clearance, removal or destruction of Explosive Remnants of War

30. The Conference took note of the Report by the Coordinator on Clearance, Removal or Destruction of ERW, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/3 and CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/3/Corr.1 and Corr.2.

31. The Conference decided:

(a) To continue the consideration of clearance, removal or destruction of ERW in the context of the Meetings of Experts and the Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V;

(b) To further explore, building on previous discussions of priority-setting and quality management, appropriate practical methods to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in ERW clearance programmes;

(c) To encourage High Contracting Parties to include detailed information in reporting form B on steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex, including through using the Article 4 generic electronic template, and to continue the consideration of national practices of recording of information on explosive ordnance;

(d) Also, to encourage all countries to contribute to the information sharing on methods of recording and retaining information on the use or abandonment of explosive ordnance.

C. Victim assistance

32. The Conference took note of the Report by the Coordinator on Victim Assistance, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/7/Rev.2, dated 10 November 2011.

33. The Conference decided:

(a) To provide adequate time to the continued consideration of victim assistance at the Meetings of Experts and Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V;

(b) To request the Meeting of Experts to continue consultations and work on the template for national reporting on victim assistance under Article 8 of the Protocol and to request the Coordinator to make suggestions to the Sixth Conference of the High Contracting Parties based on these consultations¹;

(c) To call on High Contracting Parties to continue their efforts to fully implement the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance in all its aspects;

(d) The Meeting of Experts in 2012 to hold a session on how States assess the needs of victims of explosive remnants of war, with a view to making recommendations to the Sixth Conference;

(e) The Coordinator and the Friend of the Coordinator with the support of the CCW Implementation Support Unit to provide an assessment of the responses to the questionnaire and the sections of the national reports which address victim assistance at the Meeting of Experts in 2012.

D. Cooperation and assistance and requests for assistance

34. The Conference took note of the Report by the Coordinator on Cooperation and Assistance and Requests for Assistance, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/4, dated 1 October 2011.

35. The Conference decided:

(a) To continue the consideration of cooperation and assistance, and of requests for assistance, as a priority issue in the context of the Meetings of Experts and the Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.

(b) To give particular attention in 2012, without prejudice to the right of any participant to raise any issue for consideration, to the potential for cooperation among developing countries and among ERW-affected States, as well as to cooperation among providers of assistance.

(c) To encourage High Contracting Parties, relevant international organizations and institutions which might be in a position to do so, to consider providing assistance in response to requests submitted under Article 7 of the Protocol, or in response to needs identified in other ways, including during the Meetings of Experts.

¹ For draft template see Annex to the Report of the Coordinator on Victim Assistance

(d) To encourage States which have submitted requests for assistance to continue to provide regular updates on the status of those requests.

E. National reporting

36. The Conference took note of the Report by the Coordinator on national reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/5, dated 1 October 2011.

37. The Conference decided that:

(a) All High Contracting Parties and observer States to be encouraged to submit national reports.

(b) High Contracting Parties are encouraged to use the Guide to National Reporting, which was adopted by the Fourth Conference.

(c) The Meeting of Experts in 2012 to continue its examination of the reporting forms and the Guide to National Reporting with a view to making recommendations to the Sixth Conference.

(d) The Coordinator with the support of the CCW Implementation Support Unit to provide an assessment from the national reports submitted on the utility of the Guide to National Reporting and the progress in implementing the provisions of Protocol V for the Meeting of Experts in 2012.

F. Generic preventive measures

38. The Conference took note of the Report by the Coordinator on Generic preventive measures, pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/6 dated 10 October 2011 and CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/6/Rev.1 dated 26 October 2011.

39. The Conference decided to:

(a) To continue the practice of addressing one specific technical issue directly related to the implementation of article 9 and part 3 of the technical annex of Protocol V;

To invite all High Contracting Parties to share during the 2012 meeting of (b) experts their national technical approaches and experience in implementing article 9 and part 3 of the technical annex of Protocol V. On that occasion, the High Contracting Parties might also indicate how the guide has contributed to the implementation of part 3 of the technical annex, the text of which is reproduced document in CCW/P.V/CONF/2010/6/Add.1. The guide was adopted by the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties, which recommended that it be implemented in the national systems of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V as a best practice;

(c) To develop, under the aegis of the Coordinator and with the assistance of the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, a web page on generic preventive measures on the Convention website, in order to facilitate access to declarations, presentations, current guidelines, including the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines developed by the Office for Disarmament Affairs in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/72 and the guide to Mine Action and the Implementation of CCW Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War published by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, and other resources.

G. The Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V)

40. The Conference welcomed the establishment of the Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V). Further, the Conference requested that the CCW Implementation Support Unit to administer and supervise WISP.V and also requested the Information and Communications Technology Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva to provide for the system's maintenance.

H. Text on Protocol V for the Fourth Review Conference

41. Under agenda item 12, the Conference agreed to a text on Protocol V for submission to the Fourth Review Conference, which is attached in Annex III.

I. Follow-up

42. The Conference decided that the 2012 Meeting of Experts shall take place from 25 to 27 April 2012 in Geneva.

43. The Conference decided that this meeting should especially focus on the following issues:

(a) Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW, pursuant to Article 3 of the Protocol, and the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Gerfried Elias of Germany;

(b) Victim assistance, pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Ms. Caroline Woergoetter of Austria, to be assisted by Ms. Danijela Žunec Brandt of Croatia, as Friend of the Coordinator;

(c) Cooperation and assistance and requests for assistance pursuant to Article 7 of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Yevgen Lisuchenko of Ukraine;

(d) National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Amandeep S. Gill of India; and

(e) Generic preventive measures, pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Mario Amadei of Italy.

44. The Conference also decided that, in implementing the Plan of Action to Promote Universality of the Convention and its annexed Protocols as adopted by the Third Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, the Meeting of Experts should consider the issue of the universalization of Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War under the overall responsibility of the President-designate of the Sixth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.

45. The Conference decided that the two-day Sixth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V will be convened in 2012 on dates to be decided at the Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention to be held from 14 to 25 November 2011.

46. The Conference decided to nominate Ambassador Zamir Akram of Pakistan as President-designate of the Sixth Conference, and Ambassador Jüri Seilenthal of Estonia and Ambassador Jan Knutsson of Sweden as Vice-Presidents-designate.

47. The Conference considered a provisional agenda of the Sixth Conference, as contained in Annex I, and the estimated costs of the Sixth Conference, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/10 and recommended them for adoption at the time of the Sixth Conference in 2012. The Conference also adopted and estimated costs for the Meeting of Experts in 2012 as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/11 and CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/11/Corr.1.

48. At its fourth plenary meeting, the Fifth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War adopted its final document as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/12.

Annex I

Provisional Agenda of the Sixth Conference

(As recommended by the Fifth Conference at its fourth plenary meeting on 10 November 2011)

- 1. Opening of the Conference
- 2. Election of the President
- 3. Adoption of the agenda
- 4. Confirmation of the rules of procedure
- 5. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference
- 6. Organization of work including that of any subsidiary bodies of the Conference
- 7. Election of other officers of the Conference
- 8. Adoption of arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference
- 9. General exchange of views
- 10. Review of the status and operation of the Protocol
- 11. Consideration of matters pertaining to national implementation of the Protocol, including national reporting or updating on an annual basis
- 12. Preparation for review conferences
- 13. Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)
- 14. Other matters
- 15. Consideration and adoption of the final document

Annex II

List of States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War

(As at 1 November 2011)

| State Party | Date of notification of consent to be bound |
|------------------------|---|
| Albania | 12 May 2006 |
| Argentina | 7 October 2011 |
| Australia | 4 January 2007 |
| Austria | 1 October 2007 |
| Belarus | 29 September 2008 |
| Belgium | 25 January 2010 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 28 November 2007 |
| Brazil | 30 November 2010 |
| Bulgaria | 7 November 2005 |
| Cameroon | 7 December 2010 |
| Canada | 19 May 2009 |
| Chile | 18 August 2009 |
| China | 10 June 2010 |
| Costa Rica | 27 April 2009 |
| Croatia | 7 February 2005 |
| Cyprus | 11 March 2010 |
| Czech Republic | 6 June 2006 |
| Denmark | 28 June 2005 |
| Dominican Republic | 21 June 2010 |
| Ecuador | 10 March 2009 |
| El Salvador | 23 March 2006 |
| Estonia | 18 December 2006 |
| Finland | 23 March 2005 |
| France | 31 October 2006 |
| Gabon | 22 September 2010 |
| Georgia | 22 December 2008 |
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| State Party | Date of notification of consent to be bound |
|-------------------|---|
| Germany | 3 March 2005 |
| Guatemala | 28 February 2008 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 6 August 2008 |
| Holy See | 13 December 2005 |
| Honduras | 16 August 2010 |
| Hungary | 13 November 2006 |
| Iceland | 22 August 2008 |
| India | 18 May 2005 |
| Ireland | 8 November 2006 |
| Italy | 11 February 2010 |
| Jamaica | 25 September 2008 |
| Latvia | 16 September 2009 |
| Liberia | 16 September 2005 |
| Liechtenstein | 12 May 2006 |
| Lithuania | 29 September 2004 |
| Luxembourg | 13 June 2005 |
| Madagascar | 14 March 2008 |
| Mali | 24 April 2009 |
| Malta | 22 September 2006 |
| Netherlands | 18 July 2005 |
| New Zealand | 2 October 2007 |
| Nicaragua | 15 September 2005 |
| Norway | 8 December 2005 |
| Pakistan | 3 February 2009 |
| Panama | 29 November 2010 |
| Paraguay | 3 December 2008 |
| Peru | 29 May 2009 |
| Poland | 26 September 2011 |
| Portugal | 22 February 2008 |
| Qatar | 16 November 2009 |
| Republic of Korea | 23 January 2008 |
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| State Party | Date of notification of consent to be bound |
|---|---|
| Republic of Moldova | 21 April 2008 |
| Romania | 29 January 2008 |
| Russian Federation | 21 July 2008 |
| Saudi Arabia | 8 January 2010 |
| Senegal | 6 November 2008 |
| Sierra Leone | 30 September 2004 |
| Slovakia | 23 March 2006 |
| Slovenia | 22 February 2007 |
| Spain | 9 February 2007 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 6 December 2010 |
| Sweden | 2 June 2004 |
| Switzerland | 12 May 2006 |
| Tajikistan | 18 May 2006 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 19 March 2007 |
| Tunisia | 7 March 2008 |
| Ukraine | 17 May 2005 |
| United Arab Emirates | 26 February 2009 |
| United States of America | 21 January 2009 |
| Uruguay | 7 August 2007 |

Annex III

Text on Protocol V for the Fourth Review Conference

1. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.

2. The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to address the deleterious humanitarian effects of explosive remnants of war.

3. 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.

4. The Conference notes with appreciation achievements within Protocol V, especially the Article 4 generic electronic template, Plan of Action on Victim Assistance, Guide to National Reporting, Guide on Generic Preventive Measures and Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V).

5. 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, including existing explosive remnants of war as referred to in Article 7, 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).

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

Annex IV

List of documents

| Symbol | Title |
|---|---|
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/1 | Provisional Agenda – Submitted by the President-designate |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/2 | Provisional Programme of Work |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/3, Corr.1 [English only] and Corr.2 | Report on Clearance, Removal or Destruction of Explosive Remnants of War and the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template - Submitted by the Coordinator on Clearance, removal or destruction of Explosive Remnants of War and the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/4 | Report on Cooperation and Assistance and on Requests for Assistance – Submitted by the Coordinator on Cooperation and Assistance and Requests for Assistance |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/5 | Report on National Reporting – Submitted by the Coordinator on National reporting under Protocol V |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/6 and Rev.1 [Français seulement] | Report on generic preventive measures – Submitted by the Coordinator on generic preventive measures, in accordance with article 9 and the technical annex of the Protocol |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/7/Rev.2 | Report on recording, retaining and transmission of information – Submitted by the Coordinator on National reporting, pursuant to article 10, paragraph 2 (b) of the Protocol, and article 4 Generic Electronic Template |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/8 | Report on Victim Assistance – Submitted by the Coordinator on Victim Assistance, Protocol V to the CCW |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/9 | Draft Text on Protocol V for the CCW Fourth Review Conference – Submitted by the President-designate |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/10 | Estimated Costs Sixth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V annexed 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 – Note by the Secretariat |
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| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/11 and Corr.1 | Estimated Costs 2012 Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V 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 – Note by the Secretariat |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/12 | Final Document |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/CRP.1 [English only] | Draft Final document |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/INF.1 [English/French/Spanish only] | List of participants |
| CCW/P.V/CONF/2011/MISC.1 [English/French/Spanish only] | Provisional list of participants |