

# **Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II 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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## **Final Document**

### **I. Introduction**

1. Article 13 of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II), 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 (CCW), provides for a conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Protocol to be held annually for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to the operation of the Protocol.
2. The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was prepared for by a Group of Experts, which took place on 7 and 8 April 2016 in Geneva, as decided by the Seventeenth Annual Conference in paragraph 30 of its final document CCW/AP.II/CONF.17/6.
3. The Seventeenth Annual Conference held on 11 November 2015 agreed to recommend to the Eighteenth Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in its final document (CCW/AP.II/CONF.17/6, annex II). It also adopted the estimated costs of the Seventeenth Annual Conference (CCW/AP.II/CONF.17/5).
4. The Seventeenth Annual Conference decided in paragraph 31 of its final document, that the Group of Experts should review the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II, as well as the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. David Pusztai of Hungary; and the issue of improvised explosive devices, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Colonel Nicolas Coussière of France, to be assisted by Mr. Igor Moldovan of the Republic of Moldova as Co-Coordinator. The work of the Group of Experts should be considered by the Eighteenth Annual Conference.
5. The Seventeenth Annual Conference decided in paragraph 25 of its final document, that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Conference, to exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of the Protocol.

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6. The 2015 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention decided in paragraph 38 (e) of its final report (CCW/MSP/2015/9), that the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II would be held on 30 August 2016 in Geneva.

7. The Seventeenth Annual Conference also decided in paragraph 33 of its final document, to nominate a representative of the Eastern European Group as President-designate of the Eighteenth Annual Conference. The Group nominated Mr. Jānis Kārklīņš, Ambassador of Latvia, as President-designate of the Eighteenth Annual Conference.

## **II. Organization of the Eighteenth Annual Conference**

8. The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was convened at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 30 August 2016.

9. The following States, which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II, participated in the work of the Conference: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Panama, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

10. The following High Contracting Parties to the Convention participated as observers: Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia and State of Palestine.

11. The following Signatory States to the Convention also participated in the work of the Conference: Sudan and Viet Nam.

12. The following Observer delegations participated in the work of the Conference: Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Libya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Thailand, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

13. 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) also participated in the work of the Conference.

14. The representatives of the following organizations also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: European Union, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

15. The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and other entities also took part in the work of the Conference as observers: Human Rights Watch, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and Walther Schucking Institut für internationales Recht.

## **III. Work of the Eighteenth Annual Conference**

16. The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was opened on 30 August 2016 by Ms. Mary Soliman, Acting Director of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch.

17. The Conference held two plenary meetings. At its first plenary meeting on 30 August 2016 the Conference confirmed the nomination of Mr. Jānis Kārklīšs, Ambassador of Latvia, as President of the Eighteenth Annual Conference. It also confirmed the nominations of Mr. Fu Cong, Ambassador of China; Ms. Beatriz Londoño Soto, Ambassador of Colombia; and Ms. Alice Guitton, Ambassador of France as Vice-Presidents.

18. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda (CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/1). In confirming its Rules of Procedure, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.15/7 and its corrigendum, the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 24 of the final document of the Fifteenth Annual Conference decided to suspend Rule 2.

19. At its first plenary meeting, the Conference appointed Ms. Mary Soliman, Acting Director of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, served as Secretary-General of the Conference. Mr. Bantan Nugroho, Head of the CCW Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary.

20. The following delegations participated in the general exchange of views: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, European Union, and UNMAS on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA).

21. In accordance with Article 13 paragraph 4 of the Protocol, the Conference had before it national annual reports from the following High Contracting Parties: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Uruguay. The reports contained information on:

- (a) Dissemination of information on the Protocol to armed forces and to the civilian populations;
- (b) Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;
- (c) Steps taken to meet technical requirements of the Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;
- (d) Legislation related to the Protocol;
- (e) Measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;
- (f) Other relevant matters; and
- (g) Information provided to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System.

22. During the course of the meeting the Conference considered documents CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/1 to CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/5. The documents of the Conference are available in all official languages through the Official Documents System of the United Nations at <http://www.documents.un.org> and the website of the CCW Amended Protocol II at <http://www.unog.ch/ccw>.

## **IV. Conclusions and recommendations**

### **Universalization**

23. The Eighteenth Annual Conference welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Eighteenth Annual Conference, organizations, the CCW Sponsorship Programme, and the CCW Implementation Support Unit to promote wider adherence to Amended Protocol II.

24. At its second plenary meeting, the Conference decided to issue an appeal to call upon all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to accede to Amended Protocol II as soon as possible. The appeal is contained in annex I.

25. The Conference recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President-designate of the Nineteenth Annual Conference, on behalf of the High Contracting Parties, exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of Amended Protocol II. To this effect, the Conference requested the President-designate to consider reporting to the seventy-second session of the United Nations General Assembly on his endeavours. The Conference also called on the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the CCW Implementation Support Unit to promote wider adherence to Amended Protocol II, pursuant to the Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols as adopted by the Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

### **Operation and Status of the Protocol**

26. The Conference took note of the report by Mr. David Pusztai of Hungary, Coordinator on the Operation and status of the Protocol; on matters arising from the reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II; as well as on development of technologies to protect civilians against the indiscriminate effects of mines, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/3.

27. The Conference decided that:

(a) The Group of Experts shall review the operation and status of the Protocol and consider matters arising from the national annual reports, as well as the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines.

(b) The High Contracting Parties to the Convention shall continue their contacts with the High Contracting Parties to the original Protocol II that have not yet become parties to Amended Protocol II, to encourage them to accede to it and thus to facilitate the termination of the original Protocol II. Any action with respect to the termination of the original Protocol II should be taken with the consent of the High Contracting Parties to this Protocol.

(c) The Group of Experts shall analyze the implementation by the High Contracting Parties of their obligation to submit national annual reports and shall study their content, focusing on the information submitted in Form G: "Information to the UN-database on mine clearance". The Group shall also consider the "Guide to reporting" of Form G in light of developments and progress achieved in the field of mine action since the adoption of the Protocol.

### **Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)**

28. The Conference took note of the report by Colonel Nicolas Coussi re of France, as Coordinator on Improvised Explosive Devices, and Mr. Igor Moldovan of the Republic of Moldova, as Co-Coordinator, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/2.

29. The Conference decided that:

(a) The High Contracting Parties request the Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, to maintain, update and keep available on the CCW website the Compilation of existing guidelines, best practices and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials that can be used for improvised explosive devices, on an ongoing basis as new relevant information is published; they further request the Implementation Support Unit to make the compilation more user-friendly on the CCW website;

(b) With a view to ultimately drafting guidelines based on existing best practices, recommendations and lessons learned on methods to educate civilians to the risk posed by IED, the Group of Experts will initiate voluntary information exchange on IED risk education methods, campaigns or practices;

(c) The Group of Experts shall, in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention, continue to exchange information on a voluntary basis and subject to national policies on the protection of sensitive information, on national measures, best practices and lessons learned on the following topics:

(i) General features of IEDs, including new types of IED;

(ii) Methods of humanitarian clearance of IED;

(iii) Methods to protect civilians from IED;

(d) The Group of Experts shall discuss, consistent with the scope of Amended Protocol II, how to facilitate effective voluntary sharing of information to help counter the illicit use of IED;

(e) With respect to the questionnaire on Counter-IED and based on the responses received, the High Contracting Parties request the Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, to:

(i) Continue to make available to High Contracting Parties through the restricted area on the CCW website the responses to the questionnaire;

(ii) Continue to maintain a list of national point of contacts for Counter-IED cooperation, available on the protected area of the CCW website;

(f) With respect to other fora addressing the threat posed by IED, the Group of Experts will keep apprised of the relevant developments in their activities, with a view to ensuring complementarity of efforts.

#### **Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices for the Fifth Review Conference**

30. Under agenda item 10, the Conference agreed to a text on the Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices for submission to the Fifth Review Conference, which is contained in annex V.

#### **Text on the review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II for the Fifth Review Conference**

31. Under agenda item 11, the Conference agreed to a text on the review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II for submission to the Fifth Review Conference, which is contained in annex VI.

#### **Follow-up**

32. The Conference decided that the 2017 session of the Group of Experts will be for a duration of one-and-a-half days and the dates to be decided by the Fifth Review Conference

of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention to be held on 12 to 16 December 2016. The Conference also adopted the estimated costs of the Group of Experts, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/4.

33. The Group decided that the Group of Experts shall review the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II, as well as on development of technologies to protect civilians against the indiscriminate effects of mines, under the overall responsibility of the President-designate; and the issue on improvised explosive devices, under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Colonel Nicolas Coussière of France, to be assisted by a Co-Coordinator. The work of the Group of Experts shall be considered by the Nineteenth Annual Conference.

34. The Conference decided that the Nineteenth Annual Conference will be convened in 2017 on the dates to be decided by the Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention to be held on 12 to 16 December 2016. The Conference agreed to recommend to the Nineteenth Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in annex II. It also adopted the estimated costs of the Nineteenth Annual Conference, as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/5.

35. The Conference decided to nominate Ms. Beatriz Londoño Soto, Ambassador of Colombia, as President-designate of the Nineteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to be held in 2017, and the representatives of China, France and a representative of the Eastern European Group as Vice-Presidents-designate.

36. At its second plenary meeting, the Eighteenth Annual Conference adopted its final document as contained in CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/6.

## Annex I

### **An appeal by the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II**

**(as adopted at the second plenary meeting on 30 August 2016)**

*We, the States which have notified the Depositary of our consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II to the CCW, meeting in Geneva on 30 August 2016 for our Eighteenth Annual Conference:*

*Bearing in mind* the important contribution of Amended Protocol II to international efforts to alleviate the suffering caused by certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects,

*Noting* that Amended Protocol II is the only international legal instrument which covers all types of mines, booby-traps and other devices,

*Having reviewed* the operation and status of Amended Protocol II, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Article 13,

*Having considered* the national annual reports presented by States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II,

1. *Welcome* the fact that 102 States have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II;
2. *Welcome* the adoption by the Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention of an Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
3. *Emphasize* the importance of achieving the widest possible adherence to Amended Protocol II;
4. *Urge* all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to accede to Amended Protocol II as soon as possible.

## **Annex II**

### **Provisional agenda of the Nineteenth Annual Conference**

**(as recommended by the Eighteenth Annual Conference at its second plenary meeting on 30 August 2016)**

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Confirmation of the nomination of the President and other officers
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. General exchange of views
8. Review of the operation and status of the Protocol
9. Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of the amended Protocol and of the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines
10. Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
11. Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)
12. Adoption of the estimated costs for 2018
13. Other matters
14. Consideration and adoption of the final document



## **Annex III**

### **Synopsis of National Annual Reports submitted for the Eighteenth Annual Conference**

#### **Forms used**

- Form A:** Dissemination of information
- Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation program
- Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information
- Form D:** Legislation
- Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance
- Form F:** Other relevant matters
- Form G:** Information to the UN database on mine clearance

#### **Notes**

- Standard:** Standard or normal reporting format provided
- Summary:** Summary sheet provided with (or without) the Form(s) that have changed relative to the previous report attached

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of submission</i>	<i>Use of the reporting format</i>	<i>Information can be made available to other States Parties</i>	<i>Substance of the reporting items: Forms used</i>							<i>Language</i>
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
Albania	27.06.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Argentina	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Spanish
Australia	01.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Austria	15.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Bangladesh											
Belarus	16.05.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Russian
Belgium	14.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)											
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Brazil	01.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Bulgaria	28.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Burkina Faso											
Cabo Verde											
Cambodia	01.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Cameroon											
Canada	20.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Chile											
China	06.04.2016	Summary	Yes	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	Chinese
Colombia	25.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	Spanish
Costa Rica											
Croatia	14.04.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	English
Cyprus											
Czech Republic	31.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Denmark											
Dominican Republic											
Ecuador	30.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
El Salvador											
Estonia	04.04.2016	Both	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	English

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of submission</i>	<i>Use of the reporting format</i>	<i>Information can be made available to other States Parties</i>	<i>Substance of the reporting items: Forms used</i>							<i>Language</i>
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Finland	04.04.2016	Summary	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English
France	31.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	French
Gabon											
Georgia	29.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Germany	07.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Greece	29.03.2016	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	English
Grenada											
Guatemala	27.04.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
Guinea-Bissau											
Holy See	23.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Honduras											
Hungary	18.04.2016	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	English
Iceland											
India	30.03.2016	Both	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Iraq	05.04.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Arabic
Ireland	31.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Israel	30.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Italy	20.05.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	English
Jamaica											
Japan	23.03.2016	Both	Yes	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	English
Jordan	16.03.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	English
Kuwait											
Latvia	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	English
Liberia											
Liechtenstein	21.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Lithuania	01.04.2016	Standard	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	English
Luxembourg	03.06.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	French
Madagascar											
Maldives											
Mali											

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of submission</i>	<i>Use of the reporting format</i>	<i>Information can be made available to other States Parties</i>	<i>Substance of the reporting items: Forms used</i>							<i>Language</i>
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Malta											
Monaco											
Montenegro											
Morocco	30.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	French
Nauru											
Netherlands	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	English
New Zealand	23.05.2016	Summary	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English
Nicaragua											
Niger											
Norway	18.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Pakistan	21.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	English
Panama											
Paraguay											
Peru	02.06.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	Spanish
Philippines											
Poland	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Portugal											
Republic of Korea	01.04.2016	Standard	Yes	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	English
Republic of Moldova											
Romania	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English
Russian Federation	29.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	Russian
Senegal											
Serbia											
Seychelles	17.05.2016	Summary	Yes	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	English
Sierra Leone											
Slovakia	06.04.2016	Both	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Slovenia	01.07.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
South Africa											
Spain	30.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Spanish
Sri Lanka											

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines											
Sweden	29.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	English
Switzerland	31.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	English
Tajikistan											
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia											
Tunisia											
Turkey	31.03.2016	Summary	Yes	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	English
Turkmenistan											
Ukraine											
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	31.03.2016	Both	Yes	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	English
United States of America	05.04.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	English
Uruguay	20.01.2016	Standard	Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	Spanish
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)											
Zambia											

## Annex IV

### **List of States which have notified the Depositary of their consent to be bound by the Amended Protocol II (as at 30 August 2016)**

<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Albania	28 August 2002
Argentina	21 October 1998
Australia	22 August 1997
Austria	27 July 1998
Bangladesh	6 September 2000
Belarus	2 March 2004
Belgium	10 March 1999
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	21 September 2001
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 September 2000
Brazil	4 October 1999
Bulgaria	3 December 1998
Burkina Faso	26 November 2003
Cabo Verde	16 September 1997
Cambodia	25 March 1997
Cameroon	7 December 2006
Canada	5 January 1998
Chile	15 October 2003
China	4 November 1998
Colombia	6 March 2000
Costa Rica	17 December 1998
Croatia	25 April 2002
Cyprus	22 July 2003
Czech Republic	10 August 1998
Denmark	30 April 1997
Dominican Republic	21 June 2010

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<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Ecuador	14 August 2000
El Salvador	26 January 2000
Estonia	20 April 2000
Finland	3 April 1998
France	23 July 1998
Gabon	22 September 2010
Georgia	8 June 2009
Germany	2 May 1997
Greece	20 January 1999
Grenada	10 December 2014
Guatemala	29 October 2001
Guinea-Bissau	6 August 2008
Holy See	22 July 1997
Honduras	30 October 2003
Hungary	30 January 1998
Iceland	22 August 2008
India	2 September 1999
Iraq	24 September 2014
Ireland	27 March 1997
Israel	30 October 2000
Italy	13 January 1999
Jamaica	25 September 2008
Japan	10 June 1997
Jordan	6 September 2000
Kuwait	24 May 2013
Latvia	22 August 2002
Liberia	16 September 2005
Liechtenstein	19 November 1997
Lithuania	3 June 1998
Luxembourg	5 August 1999
Madagascar	14 March 2008

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<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Maldives	7 September 2000
Mali	24 October 2001
Malta	24 September 2004
Monaco	12 August 1997
Montenegro	30 December 2011
Morocco	19 March 2002
Nauru	12 November 2001
Netherlands	25 March 1999
New Zealand	8 January 1998
Nicaragua	5 December 2000
Niger	18 September 2007
Norway	20 April 1998
Pakistan	9 March 1999
Panama	3 November 1999
Paraguay	22 September 2004
Peru	3 July 1997
Philippines	12 June 1997
Poland	14 October 2003
Portugal	31 March 1999
Republic of Korea	9 May 2001
Republic of Moldova	16 July 2001
Romania	25 August 2003
Russian Federation	2 March 2005
Senegal	29 November 1999
Serbia	14 February 2011
Seychelles	8 June 2000
Sierra Leone	30 September 2004
Slovakia	30 November 1999
Slovenia	3 December 2002
South Africa	26 June 1998
Spain	27 January 1998



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<i>State Party</i>	<i>Date of notification of consent to be bound</i>
Sri Lanka	24 September 2004
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	6 December 2010
Sweden	16 July 1997
Switzerland	24 March 1998
Tajikistan	12 October 1999
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	31 May 2005
Tunisia	23 March 2006
Turkey	2 March 2005
Turkmenistan	19 March 2004
Ukraine	15 December 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 February 1999
United States of America	24 May 1999
Uruguay	18 August 1998
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	19 April 2005
Zambia	25 September 2013

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## Annex V

### Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices

(as recommended by the Eighteenth Annual Conference for its submission to the Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention)

The High Contracting Parties to the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) 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), acting in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention,

*Express their profound concern* at the indiscriminate use and effects of improvised explosive devices (IED) and at the increasing global impact of IED attacks worldwide, in particular through the perpetration of terrorist acts;

*Reaffirm* the existing prohibitions or restrictions on the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices applicable to improvised explosive devices as contained in Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons;

*Acknowledge* the significant contribution of the Group of Experts of Amended Protocol II on the issue of improvised explosive devices, which has *inter alia* contributed to raising awareness of the worldwide threat posed by IED;

*Acknowledge* the role of the UN in addressing the problem of IED and welcome the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of resolution 70/46 titled “Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices” in 2015;

*Recognize* that addressing the problem of IED requires action in multiple fora and at multiple levels, including through Amended Protocol II, and that such action should take into account the humanitarian, political and socio-economic impacts of IED;

*Declare* that in view of their concern about the global impact of IED, the High Contracting Parties intend, within the context of Amended Protocol II or in appropriate domestic or international fora, and recognizing the need to avoid duplication, to:

(a) take all necessary steps, including where necessary appropriate stockpile management, to prevent the diversion of precursors and components that may be used for the manufacture of improvised explosive devices for committing terrorist acts or indiscriminate acts, and to act cooperatively;

(b) continue to exchange information on measures, best practices, recommendations and methods aimed at mitigating the threat of improvised explosive devices as well as on improvised explosive devices attacks, on a voluntary basis and subject to national policies on the protection of sensitive information;

(c) continue to raise awareness and explore synergies to this end with other international organizations and networks;

(d) pursue improvised explosive devices risk education campaigns, as appropriate;

(e) encourage the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and to the Convention in a position to do so, to provide States in need of necessary financial and technical support for capacity building;

*Encourage* States not yet parties to the Convention to act in accordance, where applicable, to the above paragraph of this Declaration,

*Declare* that the universalization and full implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, particularly Amended Protocol II, would contribute significantly to address the challenges posed by IEDs,

*Declare* their determination for continuing efforts within the framework of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, in particular the Amended Protocol II Group of Experts, to explore ways to address the global problem of IEDs in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention.

## Annex VI

### **Review of the implementation of Amended Protocol II**

(as recommended by the Eighteenth Annual Conference for its submission to the Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention)

#### **Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) and Technical Annex to the Protocol**

1. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol.
2. The Conference reaffirms the commitment of the High Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures under this Protocol and to ensure the full and effective national implementation of the obligations under this Protocol.
3. The Conference welcomes the efforts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to reduce the indiscriminate effects of the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices and to ensure that any such weapons designed or of a nature to cause superfluous injuries or unnecessary suffering is never used.
4. The Conference welcomes the decision by the Tenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2008, in the framework of revitalizing the work under Amended Protocol II and to further enhance its implementation, to establish an informal open-ended Group of Experts.
5. The Conference notes with satisfaction that annual meetings of the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II have been held since 2009 to review the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13, paragraph 4 of Amended Protocol II and the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines, as well as the issue of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).
6. The Conference takes note of the reporting obligations of the High Contracting Parties under Amended Protocol II, and calls on the High Contracting Parties to fulfil these obligations in a timely, consistent and complete manner.
7. The Conference notes with satisfaction the continued substantive discussions on IEDs which provided the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II the opportunity to engage actively in a topic relevant to the provisions of Amended Protocol II and their implementation. It has been the focus of the High Contracting Parties since 2009 to share experience on the scale of the humanitarian problem posed by IEDs and to consider efforts to defeat and prevent the unlawful use of IEDs at the national, regional and international levels through:
  - (a) Maintaining a compilation of existing technical guidelines, best practices, and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials which can be used for IEDs;
  - (b) Exchanging information on technical developments relevant to mitigating the threat posed by IEDs and the impact on civilians; and on risk awareness/public education campaigns;

(c) Exchanging information on IED incidents, and exploring solutions for automated information exchange, such as databases, portals or platforms;

(d) Keeping all High Contracting Parties apprised of all IED-relevant developments on other fora, so as to enable unity of actions;

(e) Agreeing on a one-time, voluntary questionnaire with a view to enhancing international cooperation and assistance and strengthening national capacities of the High Contracting Parties in mitigating the problem of IED, including through the establishment of a network of national points of contact.

8. The Conference welcomes the Declaration on Improvised Explosive Devices adopted by the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.

9. The Conference notes with satisfaction the decision by the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to analyze the different reporting forms each year to improve the quality of reporting and of the information contained in the forms submitted.

10. The Conference also takes note of the decision by the Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II in 2010 to synchronize the submission of the national annual reports with the submission of national reports under Protocol V to the Convention. The submission date for both reports was set at 31<sup>st</sup> March of every year to allow for their consideration by the Group of Experts.

11. The Conference notes with satisfaction that, in accordance with Article 13 of Amended Protocol II, eighteen Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties have been held for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues related to Amended Protocol II.

12. The Conference recalls that the deferral period provided for in paragraphs 2 (c) and 3 (c) of the Technical Annex, which allows High Contracting Parties to defer compliance with the requirements of Article 4 on detectability of anti-personnel mines and of Article 5 on self-destruction and self-deactivation of anti-personnel mines, has expired on 3 December 2007.

13. The Conference acknowledges the valuable work of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations; international and regional governmental organizations; the International Committee of the Red Cross pursuant to its mandate to assist war victims; the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining; as well as of non-governmental organizations in a number of fields relevant to Amended Protocol II, in particular the care and rehabilitation of mine victims, the implementation of mine-awareness programmes and mine clearance.

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

## Annex VII

### List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/1	Provisional agenda
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/2	Report on improvised explosive devices (IEDs)
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/3	Report on the operation and status of the Protocol, matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to paragraph 4 of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II, as well as development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/4	Estimated Costs of the 2017 Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II 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/AP.II/CONF.18/5	Estimated Costs of the Nineteenth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II 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/AP.II/CONF.18/6	Final Document
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/CRP.1	Draft Final Document.
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/INF.1	List of participants
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/SR.1	Summary Record (first meeting)
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/SR.2	Summary Record (second meeting)
CCW/AP.II/CONF.18/WP.1	Documento de Trabajo de Cuba. Artefactos Explosivos Improvisados (AEI)