

**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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**Status of implementation of and compliance  
with the Convention and its Protocols**

**DRAFT DECISION**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT FOR  
THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS**

Submitted by the Chairperson-designate

1. Taking into account the importance of securing the continuity and stability of the support provided by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs to the CCW High Contracting Parties and observer States with regards to the effective and comprehensive implementation and universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, including the exchange of information and cooperation among the High Contracting Parties, the Meeting decides that an “Implementation Support Unit” (ISU) shall be established.
2. The ISU will consist of three full time staff members within the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and will be funded by the States through the estimated costs of the CCW meetings.
3. The CCW ISU will perform the following tasks:
  - (a) Provide administrative support to and prepare documentation for meetings agreed by the meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW, Amended Protocol II and Protocol V;
  - (b) Facilitate communications among High Contracting Parties and, upon request, with international organizations;
  - (c) Serve as a focal point for submission of information by and to the High Contracting Parties related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols; develop and maintain the CCW website and the CCW databases;

- (d) Support the High Contracting Parties, on request, in the implementation of the CCW and its Protocols and assist the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the discharge of his/her responsibilities pursuant to Article 11 (2) of Protocol V, Article 14 (4) of Amended Protocol II and the CCW Compliance mechanism;
- (e) Contribute to the promotion of the universalization of the CCW and its annexed Protocols and support the High Contracting Parties in the implementation of the CCW Plan of Action for the Universalization of the CCW and its Protocols and the CCW Sponsorship Programme;
- (f) Perform any other duty as mandated by the High Contracting Parties of the CCW or its Protocols.

4. The Unit's performance will be evaluated by the annual Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW. The number of staff employed and the functions of the ISU may be reviewed in future.

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