

Fourth Review Conference 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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Report of the Main Committee I

Submitted by the Chairperson of Main Committee I

1. Rule 35 of the rules of procedure of the Fourth Review Conference of the States 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 provides that:

“There shall be two Main Committees, which shall receive their assignments from the Conference and report to it.”

2. The Fourth Review Conference, at its first plenary meeting, on 14 November 2011, decided to entrust Main Committee I with the mandate to “Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols”, “Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing protocols” and to prepare the final document.

3. The Committee held meetings from 16 to 23 November 2011, chaired by Mr Jesus Domingo of the Philippines, as Chairperson of the Committee, and Mr Robert Jackson of Ireland, as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Ms. Hine-Wai Loose, Political Affairs Officer of the CCW Implementation Support Unit, served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. At its first meeting, on 16 November 2011, the Committee adopted its agenda (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/1) and its programme of work (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/2).

5. In the course of its consideration of items 11 and 12 of the agenda of the Fourth Review Conference, entitled respectively “Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols”, and “Consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols”, as well as considering the final document of the Conference, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) The Compliance Mechanism for the CCW and its Protocols (CCW/CONF.IV/5)

(b) Promoting the Universality of the Convention and its Annexed Protocols (CCW/CONF.IV/6)

(c) Promoting the Universality of the Convention and its Annexed Protocols (CCW/CONF.IV/6/Add.1)

(d) Report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme (CCW/CONF.IV/7)

(e) Report of the Implementation Support Unit (CCW/CONF.IV/8)

(f) Draft Decision on the status of the original Protocol II (CCW/CONF.IV/WP.1)

(g) Draft Decision of the High Contracting Parties Regarding the meetings of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/WP.1)

(h) Draft Final Document, Part II, Final Declaration (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/WP.2)

(i) Mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM) (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/INF.1)

6. The Committee adopted a decision on mines other than anti-personnel mines, which will be set out in Decision 2 of the draft Final Document; “An Accelerated Plan of Action on Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols” (CCW/CONF.IV/6, paragraph 22(a) to (j)); recommendations on the CCW Sponsorship Programme (CCW/CONF.IV/7, paragraph 31(a) to (e)); recommendations for enhancing the implementation of the compliance mechanism for the Convention and its annexed Protocols (CCW/CONF.IV/L.1/Rev.1, annex IV); and a schedule for CCW meetings in 2012 as set out in Decision 6 (CCW/CONF.IV/L.1/Rev.1); as well as the draft Final Document as contained in CCW/CONF.IV/L.1/Rev.1. The Committee noted that consultations were continuing on the preamble to the review of the Convention and its Protocols and elements concerning reservations to the Protocols. The Committee recommended the draft Final Document for adoption by the Conference.

7. At its final meeting on 23 November 2011, the Committee adopted its draft report (CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/CRP.1), which is being issued as document CCW/CONF.IV/MC.I/3.