

**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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**Lethal autonomous weapons systems**

**Estimated Costs**

**2016 Meeting of Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons  
Systems 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  
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**Note by the Secretariat**

1. The 2015 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, held in Geneva on 12 and 13 November 2015, decided to convene a five-day Meeting of Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention in 2016 on the dates to be decided.
2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned decision of the States Parties and provides estimated costs in the amount of US\$143,500 for convening that meeting. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the attached table.
3. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the meeting and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At that time, any adjustments in contributions by the participants sharing the costs will be determined accordingly.
4. With regard to the financial arrangements, the costs of the meeting will be met by the States parties to the Convention participating in the meeting in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account differences between the United Nations membership and the participation of States parties in the meeting. States which are not States parties to the Convention and which accept the invitation to take part in the meeting will share in the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale.
5. Subject to the States Parties' approval of the estimated costs and cost-sharing formula, assessment notices will be prepared based on the overall estimated costs and

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applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the above-mentioned activities shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, States Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

