

Fifth 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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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee

Provisional annotated programme of work of the Preparatory Committee

Submitted by the President-designate

Wednesday 31 August 2016, 10:00am to 1:00pm

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson
3. Adoption of the agenda of the Preparatory Committee
4. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee: This will include confirmation of the Rules of Procedure (CCW/CONF.IV/2) and adoption of the programme of work.
5. General exchange of views: Delegations are invited to speak on their expectations for the Fifth Review Conference across all issues. There will be a time limit of five minutes for general statements.

3:00 to 6:00pm

6. Organization of the Review Conference:
 - (a) Provisional agenda
 - (b) Provisional programme of work
 - (c) Draft rules of procedure
 - (d) Nomination of officers
7. Preparations for Main Committee I: In accordance with past practise, the tasks of Main Committee I are to review the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols; consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols; and preparation and consideration of the final documents. The work will get underway with an opportunity for delegations to make statements on key issues to be addressed in Main Committee I. This will be followed by a first reading of the draft outcome documents.

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Thursday 1 September 2016, 10:00am to 1:00pm

8. Preparations for Main Committee I continue.

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9. Preparations for Main Committee I continue.
10. Preparations for Main Committee II: In accordance with past practise, the task of Main Committee II is the consideration of proposals for additional protocols to the Convention. As there are not yet proposals for additional protocols, Main Committee II will consider the way forward on lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS). Mr. Michael Biontino, Ambassador of Germany, will be invited to present a preliminary report of the outcomes of the 2016 Informal Meeting of Experts on LAWS. Delegations will be invited to share their views on the recommendations and, in particular, to speak on the duration of the work on LAWS in 2017.

Friday 2 September 2016, 10:00am to 1:00pm

11. Preparations for Main Committee II continue.
12. Financial issues
13. Any other business: An issue to be addressed under this agenda item is the outstanding issue of whether or not to retain the summary records. If time permits, there will be an opportunity for delegations to exchange views on this issue.

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14. Report of the Preparatory Committee to the Review Conference
 15. Closing of the meeting
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