

**NINTH 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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President: Mr. STREULI (Switzerland)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.25 p.m.

REPORT(S) OF ANY SUBSIDIARY ORGAN(S) (agenda item 12)

1. The PRESIDENT noted that no subsidiary bodies had been established.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS (agenda item 14)
(CCW/AP.II/CONF.9/CRP.1; non-paper containing amendments to CCW/AP.II/CONF.9/CRP.1
circulated in the meeting room in English only)

2. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the draft final document of the Ninth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II (CCW/AP.II/CONF.9/CRP.1) and the non-paper containing relevant amendments, and invited the Conference to consider the draft final document paragraph by paragraph prior to adopting the text as a whole.

Paragraphs 1 to 5

3. Paragraphs 1 to 5 were adopted.

Paragraph 6

4. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the list of States parties that had participated in the work of the Conference to be added to paragraph 6 and invited delegations to point out any omissions.

5. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 7

6. Paragraph 7, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 8

7. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the list of States not parties to amended Protocol II that had participated as observers to be added to paragraph 8.

8. Mr. PIERRE (Observer for Haiti) and Mr. RADMILOVIC (Observer for Montenegro) said that the names of their countries should be added to the list.

9. Paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 9

10. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the amended list of United Nations bodies that had participated in the work of the Conference to be added to paragraph 9.

11. Paragraph 9, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 10

12. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the amended list of representatives of other organizations that had attended the public meetings of the Conference to be added to paragraph 10.

13. Paragraph 10, as amended, was adopted.

New paragraph 11

14. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to adopt new paragraph 11 listing the NGOs that had attended the public meetings of the Conference. He pointed out that the remaining paragraphs of the final document would be renumbered in the final version.

15. New paragraph 11 was adopted.

Old paragraph 11 and paragraph 12

16. Old paragraph 11 and paragraph 12 were adopted.

Paragraph 13

17. The PRESIDENT said that the words “Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva” should be added at the end of the paragraph.

18. Paragraph 13, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 14

19. Paragraph 14 was adopted.

Paragraph 15

20. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the list of States and representatives of organizations that had participated in the discussions under agenda items 8 and 10, which should be added to the paragraph.

21. Mr. MAZEIKS (Latvia) said that Latvia had not participated and should be deleted from the list.

22. Paragraph 15, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 16

23. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the amended version of paragraph 16.

24. Paragraph 16, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 17

25. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the list of States that had submitted national annual reports, which should be added to paragraph 17. The secretariat would update the list to reflect any additional reports received by the closure of the Conference, as necessary.

26. On that understanding, paragraph 17, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 18

27. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the appeal for the universality of amended Protocol II, which had been circulated as part of the amendments to the final document. The text had been amended slightly since the previous year to reflect the adoption by the Third Review Conference of the Plan of Action to Promote Universality of 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). He invited the Conference to adopt the appeal, as well as paragraph 18.

28. Paragraph 18 was adopted.

Paragraph 19

29. Paragraph 19 was adopted.

Paragraph 19 bis

30. The PRESIDENT drew attention to new paragraph 19 bis.

31. Paragraph 19 bis was adopted.

Paragraph 19 ter

32. The PRESIDENT drew attention to new paragraph 19 ter, which reflected the decision of the Conference, based on a proposal by the representative of the Netherlands, not to issue national annual reports as official documents in the future, thereby achieving considerable savings.

33. Mr. SHARMA (India) said that while he did not object to the proposal in principle, he wished to see how it would work in practice. He was particularly concerned about issues relating to the translation of the documentation in question. He therefore suggested that the proposal should be implemented on a trial basis and the text of paragraph 19 ter amended accordingly.

34. Following comments by Mr. WENSLEY (South Africa), Mr. KOLAROV (Secretary-General of the Conference) explained that the national annual reports were not currently translated into all working languages, but merely reproduced as official documents in the language of submission. Moreover, it was already the practice to post those reports on the website of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

35. The PRESIDENT said that in the light of those clarifications he took it that the representative of India would withdraw his proposed amendment and that the Conference wished to adopt paragraph 19 ter as it stood.

36. Paragraph 19 ter was adopted.

Paragraph 20

Nomination of the President and vice-presidents of the Tenth Annual Conference

37. The PRESIDENT invited the groups of States to propose candidates for the posts of President and vice-presidents of the Tenth Annual Conference.

38. Mr. LÜDEKING (Germany), speaking on behalf of the Western Group of European and Other States, said that the group wished to propose Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland as President of the Tenth Annual Conference.

39. Mr. MARKUŠ (Slovakia), speaking on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States, said that the group wished to propose a representative of the Russian Federation as Vice-President of the Tenth Annual Conference.

40. Mr. SHARMA (India), speaking on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States, said that the group wished to propose a representative of South Africa as Vice-President of the Tenth Annual Conference.

41. The PRESIDENT said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Conference wished to designate the Ambassador of Switzerland as President of the Tenth Annual Conference and representatives of the Russian Federation and South Africa as vice-presidents.

42. It was so decided.

43. Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 21

44. The PRESIDENT invited the Conference to adopt paragraph 21 relating to the holding of the Tenth Annual Conference, as well as the estimated costs for the Conference set out in document CCW/AP.II/CONF.9/CRP.2, which reflected the additional savings the Conference had decided upon earlier.

45. Mr. VAN ZEIJST (Netherlands) observed that the present Conference had not used all the meeting time allocated to it. He therefore suggested that delegations should reflect in the following week on the possibility of shortening the duration of the Tenth Annual Conference to one half day.

46. The PRESIDENT said that he expected there would be more substantive discussion of amended Protocol II in the future, possibly with the participation of subsidiary bodies on specific agenda items. However, the possibility of greater coordination and more flexible arrangements for the different meetings under the umbrella of the Convention warranted further reflection.

47. Mr. KHOKHER (Pakistan), after endorsing the President's comments, expressed the hope that the length of future annual conferences might be extended to two days.

48. Mr. HODSON (United States of America) said that he shared the views of the representative of the Netherlands.

49. Mr. KOLAROV (Secretary-General of the Conference) pointed out that the financial implications for a one-day meeting or a half-day meeting were exactly the same.

50. Paragraph 21 was adopted.

Paragraph 22

51. The PRESIDENT drew attention to text to be inserted as annex II to the final document.

52. Paragraph 22 was adopted subject to a minor drafting change.

53. The draft final document of the Ninth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE

54. After thanking all the delegations, the secretariat and the conference services for their contributions, the PRESIDENT declared the Ninth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II closed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.