

**THIRD 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**

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**REPORT OF MAIN COMMITTEE I**

1. Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the Third 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 Third Review Conference, at its first plenary meeting, on 7 November 2006, decided to entrust Main Committee I with the mandate to “review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, to consider any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols, and to consider and prepare the final document.”

3. The Committee held meetings from 8 to 16 November 2006, chaired by Ambassador Edvardas Borisovas of Lithuania, as Chairperson of the Committee, and Ms. Katherine Baker of United States of America, as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Peter Kolarov, Political Affairs Officer of the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch), served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. At its first meeting, on 8 November 2006, the Committee adopted its Agenda (CCW/CONF.III/4 with oral amendments), and its Programme of Work (CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.4 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.4).

5. In the course of its consideration of items 12 and 13 of the Agenda of the Third 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 in considering the final document of the Conference, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- Plan of Action to Promote Universality of the CCW (CCW/CONF.III/6 and Amend.1);
- Procedural Report. Fifteenth session of the Group of Governmental Experts (CCW/CONF.III/7-CCW/GGE/XV/6);
- Report of the President-designate on the issue of Compliance (CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.3 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.3);

- Draft Final Document of the Third Review Conference (CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.7 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.7 and Amend.1);
- Draft Decision on the Establishment of a Sponsorship Programme under the Convention (CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.8 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.8);
- Draft Decision on Compliance (CCW/CONF.III/8 and Amend.1);
- Proposal for a Mandate to Study Laser Systems (CCW/CONF.III/WP.2);
- Proposal for a Preambular Paragraph of the Final Declaration to be Adopted at the Third Review Conference (CCW/CONF.III/WP.4);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.7);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.8);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.9);
- Issues to be studied on Military Laser Systems (CCW/CONF.III/WP.10);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.11);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.12);
- Proposal of Amendment to document CCW/CONF.III/7/ADD.7-CCW/GGE/XV/6/ADD.7 entitled "Draft Final Document" (CCW/CONF.III/WP.13).

6. The Committee adopted the Plan of Action to Promote Universality of the Convention, as contained in CCW/CONF.III/6 and Amend.1; the Decision on the Establishment of a Sponsorship Programme under the Convention, as contained in CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.8 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.8; the text of the Decision on a Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention, as contained in CCW/CONF.III/8 and Amend.1, with paragraph 15 being the subject of further consultations, as well as the Draft Final Document, as contained in CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.7 - CCW/GGE/XV/6/Add.7 and Amend.1 and recommended the Draft Final Document for adoption by the Conference.

7. At its final meeting on 16 November 2006, the Committee adopted its draft report (CCW/CONF.III/MC.I/CRP.1), which is being issued as document CCW/CONF.III/9.

Annex I

Agenda of Main Committee I

(as adopted by the Committee on 8 November 2006)

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson.
2. Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols. General statements regarding new proposals.
3. Consideration of possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols<sup>1</sup>.
4. Consideration of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:
  - (a) Plan of Action on the Universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
  - (b) Establishment of a Sponsorship Programme under the Convention.
5. Consideration of Laser Systems.
6. Consideration of procedural matters and follow-up.
7. Any other matters.
8. Conclusions.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the mandate as contained in paragraph 32 of CCW/MSP/2005/2, dated 14 February 2006.

Annex II

## Programme of Work of Main Committee I

(as adopted by the Committee on 8 November 2006)

DATE	AGENDA ITEM	TITLE
Thursday, 9 November 2006 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1	Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson
	2	Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols. General statements regarding new proposals
Friday, 10 November 2006 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3	Consideration of possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols <sup>2</sup>
Tuesday, 14 November 2006 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Consideration of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols:
	4 (a)	Plan of Action on the universalization of the Convention and its annexed Protocols;
	4 (b)	Establishment of a Sponsorship Programme under the Convention.
Wednesday, 15 November 2006 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Consideration of Laser Systems
	6	Consideration of procedural matters and follow-up
	7	Any other matters
	8	Conclusions

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<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the mandate as contained in paragraph 32 of CCW/MSP/2005/2 dated 14 February 2006.