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1. The Second Session of the Group of Governmental Experts 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 (CCW) was held at Geneva from 15 to 26 July 2002.
2. On 15 July 2002, the Session was opened by the Chairman-designate of the annual meeting of the States Parties to the CCW to be held on 12-13 December 2002, Ambassador Rakesh Sood of India. Subsequently, the meetings of the Group were chaired by two coordinators: Ambassador Chris Sanders of the Netherlands on Explosive Remnants of War, and Mr. Peter Kolarov of Bulgaria on Mines Other Than Anti-personnel Mines. Mr. Vladimir Bogomolov, Political Affairs Officer in the Geneva Branch of Department for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Group.
3. The Group confirmed the agenda (CCW/GGE/I/1) as adopted at its first plenary meeting of the First Session, on 21 May 2002, and the Rules of Procedure as adopted and used by the Second Review Conference (CCW/CONF.II/PC.1/1 with oral amendments) and adopted the draft programme of work (CCW/GGE/II/INF.1).
4. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Group: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.
5. The following Signatory States also participated in the work of the Group: Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan and Turkey.

6. The following States not parties to the Convention participated as observers: Angola, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Yemen.

7. The representatives of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) took part in the work of the Group.

8. The representatives of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), Handicap International, Human Rights Watch, Landmine Action UK and Mines Action Canada also took part in the work of the Group.

9. The Group of Experts also considered the question of participation, including that of the United Nations agencies, specialized and other agencies, non-governmental organizations and competent individuals in the work of the Group and agreed to exercise the utmost degree of transparency in its activities.

10. The Group held three plenary meetings. In accordance with the programme of work the Group discussed the following issues: (a) Explosive Remnants of War (scope, adequacy of existing international humanitarian law, technical improvements and other measures, warning to civilian populations, clearance, rapid provision of information to facilitate clearance, and associated issues and responsibilities and post conflict assistance and co-operation); (b) Mines Other Than Anti-personnel Mines (humanitarian aspects, legal aspects, technical and other measures, definitions and future work). In accordance with one of the decisions of the States Parties at the Second Review Conference (CCW/CONF.II/2) one meeting was devoted to discussing the consideration of options to promote compliance with the Convention, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Rakesh Sood.

11. During the course of the session, the Group of Governmental Experts considered working papers (CCW/GGE/II/WP.1 to CCW/GGE/II/WP.22), as listed in Annex I. These documents are available in all the official languages through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://www.ods.unog.ch>).

12. The Group held two meetings of military experts during this session under the chairmanship of Col. Erwin Dahinden of Switzerland to deal with the issue of Explosive Remnants of War, and two meetings of military experts to deal with Mines Other Than Anti-personnel Mines under the chairmanship of Mr. Paul Ellis of the GICHD.

13. The Group heard presentations made by the delegations of the Russian Federation (“Ways to Resolve the Problem of Mines Other Than Anti-personnel Mines”) and the United States of America (“Information on Technical Measures Related to AV Mines: Detectability and SD/SN/SDA”) as well as by Mr. John Flanagan of UNMAS (“Anti-Vehicle Mines – Experience from Field Operations”), Mr. David Taylor of Landmine Action (“Explosive Ordnance Disposal from a Field and Donor Perspective” and “Information Needs from a Field Perspective”), Mr. Adrian Wilkinson of the GICHD (“Background Brief on Anti-Handling Devices”) and Prof. Christopher John Greenwood (“Legal Issues Regarding Explosive Remnants of War”).

14. At the third plenary meeting, on 26 July 2002, the Group of Governmental Experts adopted its draft procedural report of the Second Session, as contained in document CCW/GGE/II/CRP.1, as orally amended, which is being issued as document CCW/GGE/II/1.

Annex

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS
OF THE GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS
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Number	Title	Countries/ Organisations
CCW/GGE/II/WP.1	Core questions on ERW by the Coordinator	ERW Coordinator
CCW/GGE/II/WP.2 (No electronic version available)	Elements for discussion during the Second meeting of GGE (Geneva, 15-26 July 2002) on the issue of Mines Other than Antipersonnel Mines (MOTAPM)	AV Coordinator
CCW/GGE/II/WP.3	Elements for an EU paper on AVM	EU
CCW/GGE/II/WP.4	A Survey of Questions and Issues for the Group of Governmental Experts on Explosive Remnants of War	Canada
CCW/GGE/II/WP.5 + Add.1	“Food for Thought” on Mines other than Anti- Personnel Mines (MOTAPM) for the second meeting of experts in July 2002 - Sensitive fuzes	Germany
CCW/GGE/II/WP.6	Améliorations techniques des sous-munitions	France
CCW/GGE/II/WP.7	Working Paper on Compliance	Chairperson
CCW/GGE/II/WP.8	Explosive Remnants of War	ICRC
CCW/GGE/II/WP.9	Anti-vehicle mines: effects on humanitarian assistance and civilian populations	ICRC
CCW/GGE/II/WP.10	Group of Governmental Experts on Explosive Remnants of War Explosive Ordnance Disposal from a field and donor perspective	Landmine Action
CCW/GGE/II/WP.11	Group of Governmental Experts on Explosive Remnants of War Information needs from a field perspective	Landmine Action
CCW/GGE/II/WP.12	Areas for Possible discussion on MOTAPM	AV Coordinator
CCW/GGE/II/WP.13	ERW- Experience from field operations	UNMAS

Number	Title	Countries/ Organisations
CCW/GGE/II/WP.14	AVM - Experience from field operations	UNMAS
CCW/GGE/II/WP.15	Explosive Remnants of War	Russia
CCW/GGE/II/WP.16	Reflection paper on Sensitive Fuses of Land Mines Other Than Anti-personnel Mines	Romania
CCW/GGE/II/WP.17 + Corr.1	Discussion Paper on Some Technical Elements of Anti-Vehicle Landmines	China
CCW/GGE/II/WP.18	Current AV Mine Restrictions under International Law	Coordinator
CCW/GGE/II/WP.19	ERW Information Requirements Render Safe Procedure (RSPs) during Humanitarian Clearance Operations	Coordinator
CCW/GGE/II/WP.20	Joint Discussion Paper on Technical Improvements of Ammunitions to Prevent and Reduce ERW	China and the Russian Federation
CCW/GGE/II/WP.21	Information on Technical Measures Related to AV Mines: Detectability and SD/SN/SDA	United States of America
CCW/GGE/II/WP.22	The relevance of the principle of precautions in attack in the ERW context	Sweden
CCW/GGE/II/INF.1 English only (No electronic version available)	Draft Programme of Work	Chairperson
CCW/GGE/II/INF.2	Letter to military participants of the Group of Governmental Experts of States Parties to the CCW concerning the meetings of military experts on ERW. Proposed Programme of Work and Provisional Agenda	Switzerland
CCW/GGE/II/INF.3 English/French/Spanish only	List of Participants	Secretariat

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