

Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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First Preparatory Meeting for the Second Review Conference

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Agenda item 9

**Consideration and adoption of a procedural report
of the First Preparatory Meeting**

Final report

I. Introduction

1. Article 12 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions provides that “a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention” and that “further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years.” Article 12 also provides that “the purpose of the Review Conference shall be:

- (a) To review the operation and status of this Convention;
- (b) To consider the need for and the interval between further Meetings of States Parties referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11 of this Convention; and
- (c) To take decisions on submissions of States Parties as provided for in Articles 3 and 4 of the Convention.”

2. Article 12 further provides that “all States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference” and that “States not party to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organisations or institutions, regional organisations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and relevant non-governmental organisations may be invited to attend each Review Conference as observers in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure.”

3. At the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the CCM, the States Parties decided that the Preparatory Meetings for the Second Review Conference would take place in Geneva on 8 June and 4 September 2020 and that the Second Review Conference would take place from 16 to 20 November 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, unless its President decided at a later stage to host the meeting in another venue, in accordance with paragraph 30 (d) of the Final Report of the Review Conference (CCM/CONF/2015/7).

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4. At the same Meeting, the States Parties also designated Mr. Félix Baumann, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament, as President of the Second Review Conference. In accordance with the decision taken at the First Review Conference, his term commenced on the day following the conclusion of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties until the last day of the Second Review Conference.
5. By operative paragraph 8 of resolution 74/62, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the Second Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to continue to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him by the Convention and the relevant decisions of the First Review Conference. Accordingly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations convened the First Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference and invited all States Parties, as well as States not parties to the Convention, to participate in the Meeting.
6. Following a silence procedure that lasted from 6 to 13 February 2020, States Parties agreed that the Second Review Conference would take place from 23 to 27 November 2020.
7. Due to the impact of the COVID 19 related measures, the First Preparatory Meeting planned on 8 June 2020 could not take place. On that day, the President held an informal virtual briefing through WebEx instead. With silence procedure that lasted from 29 May to 4 June 2020, the States Parties agreed to postpone the date of this Meeting. Subsequently, with silence procedure that lasted from 9 to 16 June 2020, States Parties agreed to postpone the First Preparatory meeting to 29 June 2020.

II. Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting for the Second Review Conference

8. The First Preparatory Meeting for the Second Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions was held in Geneva on 29 June 2020.
9. Ms. Sheila N. Mweemba, Director of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, participated in the work of the Meeting.
10. Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, Political Affairs Officer, Conference on Disarmament Secretariat and Conference Support Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs served as Secretary of the Meeting.
11. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Gambia, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Zambia.
12. The following States signatories to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting as observers: Cyprus and Nigeria.
13. Argentina, Finland, Kazakhstan, Libya, Myanmar, Serbia, Thailand and Zimbabwe also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers.
14. The Cluster Munition Coalition, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United

Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (2) of the rules of procedure.

15. The European Union took part in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

III. Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

16. On 29 June 2020, the First Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference was opened by Mr. Félix Baumann, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament and President of the First Preparatory Meeting.

17. The Meeting held two plenary meetings.

18. The Meeting adopted its agenda, as contained in document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/1. The Meeting also considered the proposed provisional agenda for the Second Review Conference as contained in document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.2 and confirmed the rules of procedure as contained in document CCM/MSP/2010/3, *mutatis mutandis*.

19. The Meeting addressed the implementation of the Dubrovnik Action Plan on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.3 and discussed elements of the Lausanne Action Plan on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.4.

20. Furthermore, the Meeting also considered institutional aspects of the ISU on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.5.

21. The Meeting also heard a presentation made by the Secretariat on the status of assessed contributions received towards the estimated costs of the Second Review Conference and its Preparatory Meetings.

22. A list of documents submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference is contained in the annex to this report. These documents are available in all official languages through the United Nations Official Documents System (<http://documents.un.org>).

IV. Decisions and recommendations

23. The Meeting took note of the papers submitted in preparation for the Second Review Conference and expressed general satisfaction that their contents would provide useful direction to the on-going efforts to develop the review of the general status and operation of the Convention and an action plan covering the period following the Second Review Conference.

24. The Meeting agreed to recommend to the Second Review Conference the Draft provisional agenda for the Second Review Conference as contained in CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.2 and the rules of procedure, as contained in CCM/MSP/2010/3, *mutatis mutandis*.

25. The Meeting agreed to recommend the Presidents of the Ninth, Eighth, Seventh and Sixth Meetings of States Parties as Vice-Presidents of the Second Review Conference.

26. The Meeting invited States Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme in 2020 in order to ensure the broadest possible participation in the Second Review Conference.

27. In the context of considering the financial status of assessed contributions to the Second Review Conference, the Meeting called upon the States Parties and States not party participating in the meetings of the States Parties to the Convention to ensure prompt and full payment of their respective assessed contributions and strict compliance with their obligations pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention.

28. The Meeting adopted its final document, as contained in document contained in CCM/CONF/2020/CRP.1 as orally amended to be issued as document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/2.

Annex

List of documents submitted to the First Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference of the States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/1	Provisional Agenda
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/2	Final Report
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/CRP.1	Draft Final report
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.1	Concept note on Second Review Conference substantive documents
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.2	Draft provisional agenda for the Second Review Conference
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.3	Draft Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.4	Elements for the Lausanne Action Plan
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/WP.5	Elements for discussion on institutional aspects of the Implementation Support Unit
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/INF.1	List of Participants
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.1/MISC.2	Explanation of Position on the “State of Palestine”, Submitted by Australia, Czech Republic and Netherlands