

Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Second Preparatory Meeting for the Second Review Conference

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Agenda item 9

Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the Second Preparatory Meeting

Final report

I. Introduction

1. Article 12 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) 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).

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 Second 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, which was held on 29 June 2020.

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

8. The Second Preparatory Meeting for the Second Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions was held in Geneva on 4 September 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; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Ecuador; El Salvador; France; Germany; Holy See; Hungary; Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lithuania; Malta; Mexico; Montenegro; Mozambique; Namibia; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Norway; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Portugal; Slovakia; South Africa; Spain; 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: Nigeria.

13. Argentina; Bahamas; Finland; Kazakhstan; Myanmar; Serbia; Thailand; Vanuatu also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers.

14. The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), 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, Handicap International, Norwegian People's Aid and The HALO Trust took part in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

III. Work of the Second Preparatory Meeting

16. On 4 September 2020, the Second 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 Second Preparatory Meeting.

17. The Meeting held two plenary meetings.

18. The Meeting adopted its agenda, as contained in document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/1. The Meeting also confirmed the rules of procedure as contained in document CCM/MSP/2010/3, *mutatis mutandis*.

19. The Meeting discussed the Draft Review Documents of the Dubrovnik Action Plan (CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP 1; CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP 2; and CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP 3) and the Lausanne Action Plan (CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.4). The Meeting also addressed document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.5 titled “Elements for a Political Declaration- Ten years of protecting lives, ten years towards completion” and discussed elements towards a further universalization of the Convention on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.8.

20. The Meeting considered the machinery supporting the implementation of the convention, on the basis of document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.6, and the financial matters presented in document CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.7. The President suggested to have a discussion on this at a later stage.

21. The Meeting 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. The Meeting also received updates from the host country, Switzerland, on logistical and administrative matters related to the Review Conference. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the state of preparations.

23. A list of documents submitted to the Second 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

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

Annex

List of documents submitted to the Second 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.2/1	Provisional Agenda
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/2	Final Report
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/CRP.1	Draft Final report
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.1	Draft Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan – Part I
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.2	Draft Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan – Part II
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.3	Draft Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan- Part III
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.4	Informal Draft - Lausanne Action Plan
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.5	Elements for a Political Declaration- Ten years of protecting lives, ten years towards completion
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.6	Reflections and options regarding the Convention's machinery
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.7	Elements on possible measures to address the financial predictability and sustainability of United Nations assessed contributions
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/WP.8	Ways Forward on Universalization of the CCM
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/INF.1	List of Participants
CCM/CONF/2020/PM.2/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants
