

Sixth Review Conference of the High Contracting 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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Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed protocols

Estimated Costs

2022 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)*

1. The Sixth Review Conference of the High Contracting 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, to be held in Geneva on 13-17 December 2021, is to adopt cost estimates of the 2022 Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).
2. This document is submitted to assist the decision of the High Contracting Parties and provides estimated costs of US\$ 325,400 for a ten-day meeting, US\$ 442,700 for a fifteen-day meeting and US\$ 560,000 for a twenty-day meeting. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the attached tables.
3. The costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the meeting and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At that time, any adjustments in the contributions made by the participants sharing the costs will be determined accordingly.
4. In accordance with the financial measures adopted in 2017, the assessment of contributions towards the cost of preparing and holding meetings shall be calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account the difference between the United Nations membership on the one hand and the number of States other than High Contracting Parties in attendance combined with the number of High Contracting Parties on the other. States that are not High Contracting Parties but take part in the meetings share the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale of assessments.
5. Assessment notices will be prepared based on the approved overall estimated costs and applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the above-mentioned activities shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, High Contracting Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

* The present report was submitted after the deadline owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



Title of session:		CCW Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), 2022 session						
Dates to be held:		Location Geneva, TBD (10 working days)						
	Meeting	Pre-session	In-session	Summary	Post-session	Support Services	Other	
Conference-servicing items	Servicing *	documentation *	documentation *	records *	documentation *	requirements *	requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	185,600							185,600
Translation of documentation		17,400			33,800			51,200
Support Services requirements ^{1/}						8,000		8,000
Other requirements ^{2/}							65,100	65,100
Total	185,600	17,400			33,800	8,000	65,100	309,900
* - at US\$								
	A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)							309,900
	B. Non-conference-servicing requirements							
	C. Contingency 5% ^{3/}							15,500
					Grand total (rounded) A+B			325,400
1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 10 days) \$8,000								
2/ Rental of PC and printer \$100; Secretary (1 x 85 days) \$34,900; 1 Document Control Officer (1 x 10 days) \$2,700; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$16,400; UN Web TV \$11,000								
3/ Pending decision by the Sixth Review Conference								

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Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, TBD (15 working days)							

1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 20 days) \$16,000							
2/ Rental of PC and printer \$300; Secretary (1 x 95 days) \$38,900; 1 Document Control Officer (1 x 20 days) \$5,400; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$28,300; UN Web TV \$22,000							
3/ Pending decision by the Sixth Review Conference							