

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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**Financial issues related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols
and relations between High Contracting Parties (HCP) and United Nations**

2023-2025 budget^{*1}

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, may decide to adopt a five-year budget for the 2022-2026 period.

2. This document is submitted to assist the decision of the High Contracting Parties and provides the following yearly budget for each of the 2023-2025 period, depending on the number of meeting days of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (GGE on LAWS):

- i) 10 days of GGE on LAWS: US\$ 1,362,200;
- ii) 15 days of GGE on LAWS: US\$ 1,479,500;
- iii) 20 days of GGE on LAWS: US\$ 1,596,800

A breakdown of the yearly budget for the 2023-2025 period 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.

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 as soon as assessment notices have been received.

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

¹ Pending decision by the Sixth Review Conference.



Quinquennial budget								
2023 - 2025 (GGE 10 days)								
	ISU staff costs	Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW	GGE on LAWS (10 days)	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II	Group of Experts Amended Protocol II	Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V	Meeting of Experts Protocol V	Total
Cost estimate	591,300	185,800	309,900	84,200	31,800	78,400	15,900	1,297,300
Contingency 5% ^{1/}	29,600	9,300	15,500	4,200	1,600	3,900	800	64,900
Total	620,900	195,100	325,400	88,400	33,400	82,300	16,700	1,362,200
2023 - 2025 (GGE 15 days)								
	ISU staff costs	Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW	GGE on LAWS (15 days)	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II	Group of Experts Amended Protocol II	Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V	Meeting of Experts Protocol V	Total
Cost estimate	591,300	185,800	421,600	84,200	31,800	78,400	15,900	1,409,000
Contingency 5% ^{2/}	29,600	9,300	21,100	4,200	1,600	3,900	800	70,500
Total	620,900	195,100	442,700	88,400	33,400	82,300	16,700	1,479,500
2023 - 2025 (GGE 20 days)								
	ISU staff costs	Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW	GGE on LAWS (20 days)	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II	Group of Experts Amended Protocol II	Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V	Meeting of Experts Protocol V	Total
Cost estimate	591,300	185,800	533,300	84,200	31,800	78,400	15,900	1,520,700
Contingency 5% ^{3/}	29,600	9,300	26,700	4,200	1,600	3,900	800	76,100
Total	620,900	195,100	560,000	88,400	33,400	82,300	16,700	1,596,800
1/2/3/ Pending decision by the Sixth Review Conference								