

Meeting 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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Consideration of the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme

Report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme*

I. Introduction

1. The CCW Sponsorship Programme was established by a decision of the High Contracting Parties at the Third Review Conference.¹ The goals of the Sponsorship Programme are to strengthen the implementation of and respect for the Convention and its Protocols, and to promote its universalization. The Programme also aims to enhance cooperation, exchange of information and consultations among the High Contracting Parties.

2. In the final report of the 2019 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, the Meeting reiterated “its appreciation for the report of the CCW Sponsorship Programme and the work of its Steering Committee”.² The Meeting recognized the importance of the Sponsorship Programme and called upon those States in a position to do so to contribute to the Sponsorship Programme.

3. This report covers the work of the Sponsorship Programme from 16 September 2019 to 12 October 2020. Ms. Ines Šprem Scigliano from Croatia has served as Coordinator of the Steering Committee since August 2018. The programme is supported by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), and all logistical and administrative issues are managed by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

II. Activities of the CCW Sponsorship Programme and the work of the Steering Committee

4. A representative from Sudan was financed by the Sponsorship Programme to attend the Thirteenth Conference of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (11 November 2019), the Twenty-First Conference of High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II (12 November 2019) and the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention (13–15 November 2019). The Programme also sponsored the travel by a representative from Somalia to attend the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

5. During these meetings, the Sponsorship Programme Coordinator briefed sponsored delegates regarding the work and scope of the Sponsorship Programme and requested them

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

¹ Decision 5 of the final document, CCW/CONF.III/11 and Annex IV, 7–17 November 2006.

² Paragraph 29 of the final document, CCW/MSP/2019/9, 13 December 2019.



to share information on the prospects of their State joining the CCW or to highlight any challenges concerning implementation.

6. Due to travel restrictions caused by COVID-19, no sponsorship was awarded in 2020, and the Steering Committee of the CCW Sponsorship Programme was not convened.

III. Financing of the CCW Sponsorship Programme

7. During the reporting period, the Sponsorship Programme benefitted from the contributions of Australia. The financial accounts for the Sponsorship Programme as of 12 October 2020 are attached to this report as an annex.

Annex

Table 1
Accounts 2019 (CHF)

	<i>Expenditures</i>				<i>Carry-over</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Remaining balance</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Total</i>			
Travel costs	0	7 352	2 304	9 656			
Accommodation	1 034	2 322	1 990	5 346			
Per diem	385	1 045	660	2 090			
Bank charges	88	30	131	249			
Contributions							
Australia						17 194	
China						9 838	
Croatia						1 000	
Turkey						974	
Total	1 507	10 749	5 085	17 341	95 262	29 006	
Remaining balance 2019							106 928

Table 2
Accounts 2020 as of 12 October 2020 (CHF)

<i>2020</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Carry-over</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Remaining balance</i>
Travel costs	0			
Accommodation	0			
Per diem	0			
Bank charges	40			
Contributions				
Australia			16 837	
Total	40	106 928		
Remaining balance 2020				123 725