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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) regarding next steps in this process.

As indicated by UNODA earlier this week, the silence procedure initiated last week has not been broken and the decision of splitting the Review Conference into two parts has been validated: the first part will take place in a virtual format from 25 to 27 November 2020, and the second part will be organised in a hybrid format from 4 to 5 February 2021. The first part of the Review Conference will be held on Interprefy, with a possibility to follow the meeting on the UN Webcast: all logistical aspects have been communicated by UNODA on 11 November.

As indicated in my briefing on 6 November, this first part of the Review Conference will not adopt any substantial decisions. Some procedural decisions will however have to be taken: we will have to confirm the agenda and the rules of procedures, which were adopted during the First Preparatory Meeting, as well as adopt the programme of work. A number of technical decisions will also need to be adopted in November, including the cost-estimate for the 2021 Meeting of States Parties (to ensure enough time for the billing process) and the workplan and budget of the Implementation Support Unit (to ensure work continuity).

In view of the above, this first part of the Review Conference will not cover all items on the agenda. It will focus on two aspects in particular. First, extension requests will be presented and commented upon, and the draft decisions granting requests will be considered, without adopting them (this will be done during the second session in February 2021). Second, the meeting will address the different points under agenda item 8 related to the general status and operation of the Convention. You will find more details in the advanced version of the programme of work in annex.

Should you have any question on this process and the upcoming first part of the CCM Review Conference, do not hesitate to contact me or my team at the following email address: ccm2rc@eda.admin.ch.

I look forward to this first part of the Review Conference and I am confident that, thanks to your continuous support and engagement, it will be very successful.

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the Conference on Disarmament

Félix Baumann
Ambassador



SECOND REVIEW CONFERENCE - LAUSANNE 2020



Protecting Lives
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Second Review Conference
1st Part: virtual meeting, 25-27 November 2020

Provisional Programme of work

Wednesday 25 November

10:00 – 12:00

1. Opening of the Review Conference.
2. Adoption of the Agenda (CCM/CONF/2020/1).
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure (CCM/MSP/2010/3).
4. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
5. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting.
6. Organization of work.

Adoption of the programme of work

Introduction by the President of draft documents and draft decisions:

- (a) *Review of the operation and status of the Convention 2016-2020: Review Document of the Dubrovnik Action Plan (CCM/CONF/2020/13)*
- (b) *Lausanne Action Plan (CCM/CONF/2020/14)*
- (c) *Lausanne Political Declaration (CCM/CONF/2020/WP.1)*
- (d) *Post Review Conference programme of meetings and machinery (CCM/CONF/2020/14)*
- (e) *Decision on the finances of the Convention (CCM/CONF/2020/11)*
- (f) *Estimated costs of the Tenth Meeting of States Parties (CCM/CONF/2020/9, CCM/CONF/2020/WP.2 and CCM/CONF/2020/WP.3)*
- (g) *Document on matters pertaining to the ISU*

13:00 – 15:00

6. Organization of work.

Informal presentations of extension requests under Article 3 & Article 4 (CCM/CONF/2020/5, CCM/CONF/2020/6, CCM/CONF/2020/7, CCM/CONF/2020/8 and CCM/CONF/2020/15)

16:00 – 18:00

6. Organization of work (continued)

Informal presentations of extension requests under Article 3 & Article 4 (CCM/CONF/2020/5, CCM/CONF/2020/6, CCM/CONF/2020/7, CCM/CONF/2020/8 and CCM/CONF/2020/15)

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention

- (a) *Universalization (CCM/CONF/2020/12)*

Thursday 26 November

10:00 – 12:00

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued)

- (a) Universalization (*CCM/CONF/2020/12*)
- (b) Storage and stockpile destruction
- (c) Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education

13:00 – 15:00

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued)

- (c) Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education
- (d) Victim assistance
- (e) International cooperation and assistance

16:00 – 18:00

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued)

- (e) International cooperation and assistance
- (f) Transparency measures
- (g) Compliance

Friday 27 November

10:00 – 12:00

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued)

- (g) Compliance
- (h) National implementation measures
- (i) Implementation support (*CCM/CONF/2020/2*, *CCM/CONF/2020/3* and *CCM/CONF/2020/4*)

13:00 – 15:00

8. Review of the operation and status of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued)

- (i) Implementation support
- (j) Other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention

9. Financial Status of the Convention (*CCM/CONF/2020/9*, *CCM/CONF/2020/WP.2* and *CCM/CONF/2020/WP.3*)

16:00 – 18:00

10. Consideration of requests submitted under Article 3 and Article 4 of the Convention.

13. Other matters

Adoption of the interim procedural report