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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the 1980 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 (CCW).

The Secretary-General of the United Nations would like, in particular, to recall that the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the CCW, held in Geneva on 13 and 14 November 2008, decided to hold “the next Meeting of the High Contracting Parties on 12 and 13 November 2009 at Geneva” and approved its Provisional Agenda, as contained in the report of the Meeting (document CCW/MSP/2008/4, Annex III).

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the 2009 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and to invite all High Contracting Parties to participate in it. The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite States not parties to the Convention to participate in the Meeting as Observers.

Pursuant to the established practice, the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention would be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure as adopted by the Third Review Conference in 2006, applied *mutatis mutandis*. Therefore, the Secretary-General wishes to remind His/Her Excellency that Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that “[t]he credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. [...] The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs”. Credentials shall be submitted to the CCW Secretariat at the address indicated below.



The Secretary-General also takes this opportunity to recall that Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that “the costs [...] will be met by the States parties to the Convention participating in the [...] Conference in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account differences between the United Nations membership and the participation of States parties in the Conference. States which are not States parties to the Convention and which accept the invitation to take part in the [...] Conference will share in the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale”.

For further information with regard to this meeting, the States are invited to contact:

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