

**Excerpts from the Report of the Meeting of the States Parties in 2004, as
contained in CCW/MSP/2004/2**

“25. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Explosive Remnants of War would continue its work in the year 2005 with the mandate contained in Annex I of CCW/GGE/IX/2 as follows:

“To continue to consider, including through participation of legal experts, the implementation of existing principles of International Humanitarian Law and to further study, on an open-ended basis, with particular emphasis on meetings of military and technical experts, possible preventive measures aimed at improving the design of certain specific types of munitions, including sub-munitions, with a view to minimising the humanitarian risk of these munitions becoming explosive remnants of war. Exchange of information, assistance and co-operation would be part of this work. The Group will report on the work done to the next Meeting of the States Parties.”

26. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines would continue its work in the year 2005 with the mandate contained in Annex II of CCW/GGE/IX/2 as follows:

“1. To consider all proposals on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines put forward since the establishment of the Group of Governmental Experts with the aim of elaborating appropriate recommendations on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines for submission to the next Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention.

2. Meetings of military experts shall also be conducted to provide advice on these activities.”

27. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 25 of CCW/GGE/IX/2, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Chairperson-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols, taking into account proposals put forward, and shall submit a report, adopted by consensus, to the States Parties.

28. The Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Chairperson-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on the preparation of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and shall report to the next Meeting of the States Parties.

29. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 27 of CCW/GGE/IX/2, the Meeting of the States Parties decided to commission follow-up work under the oversight of the Chairperson-designate of a Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held on 24 and 25

November 2005 at Geneva in conjunction with the Seventh Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II.

30. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 26 of CCW/GGE/IX/2, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the intersessional work of the Group of Governmental Experts of up to five weeks will be undertaken in three sessions at Geneva during 2005:

- 7 to 11 March 2005
- 2 to 12 August 2005
- 14 to 22 November 2005

31. The Meeting of the States Parties addressed the issue of the dates and duration of the Seventh Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II and decided that it be held on 23 November 2005 at Geneva.

32. The Meeting of the States Parties decided to re-designate Ambassador Gordan Markotić of Croatia as Chairperson of the Meeting of the States Parties to be held in 2005, and reappointed Ambassador Jayant Prasad of India as Coordinator on Explosive Remnants of War and Ambassador Markku Reimaa of Finland as Coordinator on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines.”
