REPORT CONCERNING THE CCW COMPLIANCE MECHANISM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 2006

(a) Dissemination of information on the Convention and its annexed Protocols to their armed forces and to the civilian population.

All obligations of the Convention and its annexed Protocols are contained in Norwegian military manuals and integrated in core military training. The legal aspects are included in Norwegian officer- and NCO education.

The Norwegian government supports initiatives to convey the general understanding of International Humanitarian Law to the general public.

(b) Steps taken to meet the relevant technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols and any other relevant information pertaining thereto.

The technical requirements of the Convention and its annexed Protocols are integrated into relevant regulations/procedures etc. for the Norwegian Armed Forces, including for Norwegian military procurement and refurbishing programmes.

(c) Legislation related to the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

The Convention and its annexed Protocols were, as part of normal routines, assessed for legislative measures at the time of their ratification. National Norwegian legislation is deemed adequate.

(d) Measures taken on technical co-operation and assistance.

Norway is a significant contributor to clearance and victim assistance, with a particular view to the full implementation of the Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Norway channelled in 2007 approx. 50 million USD to such activities through humanitarian organisations, the UN system and bilateral co-operation. The Norwegian government supports studies on practises in the handling of Explosive Remnants of War including methods of clearance and stockpile destruction.

(e) Other relevant matters.

Norway has started the national legislative process to ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions as soon as possible after the opening for signature later in 2008.

Norway will destroy all its existing stockpiles of cluster munitions, and has initiated the necessary national steps to do so as soon as possible. The stockpiles are currently under moratorium.

Norway is not in a position to appoint experts for a pool at this time.