PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK¹

| MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2009 | 10.00 – 13.00  | • Opening remarks  
|                       | 15.00 – 18.00  | • Improvised Explosive Devices |

| TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2009 | 10.00 – 13.00  | • Improvised Explosive Devices (cont.)  
|                        | 15.00 – 18.00  | • Operation and Status of Amended Protocol II. National reporting. Development of technologies to protect civilians (cont.)  
|                        |               | • Closing remarks |

¹ This Annotated Provisional Programme has been prepared by the President-designate of the Eleventh Annual Conference of the high Contracting Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II in cooperation with his Friends of the President. The Programme aims at assisting the States Parties and observer delegations in preparing for the 2009 Group of experts. This Programme remains a flexible framework and will be applied accordingly, hence timings for allocation of the different topics are only notional and subject to change. Additional, more detailed information on the issues to be discussed under each topic was communicated by the Friends of the President in advance of the session of the Group and is available on the webpage of the 2009 Group of Experts under the CCW Amended Protocol II website at [http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII](http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII).
OPENING OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

The 2009 Group of experts will be opened by Ambassador Jānis Mažeiks of Latvia, President-designate of the Eleventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II.

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Pursuant to the relevant decision of the President-designate, as advised in his letter dated 5 February 2009, the discussions on improvised explosive devices will take place under the overall responsibility of the Friend of the President, Mr. Reto Wollenmann of Switzerland.

The sessions on improvised explosive devices will be focused on following main topics:

- Legal framework, humanitarian impact and challenges posed by IEDs. Scope of the problem;
- Exchange of views on national experience in dealing with IEDs;
- Possible approaches to address the problem.

All States parties and observers are encouraged as follows:

- To provide information that would help to assess the scope of the problem associated with the use of IEDs and their humanitarian impact;
- To exchange views on the different elements of the problem, including its legal aspects (definition, relevance of existing IHL, national legislation, etc.), and the possible military, technical and other preventive measures that would minimize the humanitarian impact of the use of IEDs;
- To share information on national specific approaches to address the challenges posed by the IEDs, including best practices to prevent and protect against IEDs.

A detailed list of questions and suggestions on the issues which could be considered during the discussion is contained in Discussion paper 1 titled “Improvised Explosive devices. Food-for-thought paper by the Coordinator”. The paper is available on the webpage of the 2009 Group of Experts under the CCW Amended Protocol II website at [http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII](http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII).

STATUS AND OPERATION OF THE PROTOCOL

Pursuant to the relevant decision of the President-designate, as advised in his letter dated 5 February 2009, the discussions on the status and operation of Amended
Protocol II, on matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to paragraph 4 of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II; as well as on development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines will take place under the overall responsibility of the Friend of the President, Mr. Abderrazzak Laassell of Morocco.

The sessions on the above topics will be aimed at:

- Reviewing the status of Amended Protocol II and its universalization;

- Reviewing the National Reporting Mechanism established under Amended Protocol II, including the adequacy and usefulness of the Guide to national reporting recommended by the Group of Experts of the Second Annual Conference;

- Exchange of views on existing technologies aimed at facilitating mine detection and clearance and at protecting civilians against the effect of mines.

All States parties and observers are encouraged, as follows:

- To provide information on steps taken to implement the Plan of Action on the Universalization of the CCW with respect to Amended Protocol II, or steps taken at national level aimed at acceding to the protocol;

- To share their national experience, including the legislative, administrative and other appropriate measures taken to implement Amended Protocol II;

- To assess the national reporting mechanism established under the protocol; to share any particular difficulties they have experienced in the preparation of their national reports; to review the Guide to national reporting and provide suggestions for its amendment, if necessary;

- To share information on technologies and techniques developed at national level to protect the civilian population and the deminers from the effect of mines.

As part of the discussion, the Coordinator will make an overview of the status of national reporting.

Additional information and suggestions on the issues which could be considered during the discussion is contained in Discussion paper 2 titled “Operation and Status of Amended Protocol II. Food-for-thought paper by the Coordinator”. The paper is available on the webpage of the 2009 Group of Experts under the CCW Amended Protocol II website at http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII.