Madame, monsieur l’ambassadeur,

Nous vous écrivons en qualité de coordinateurs sur les engins explosifs improvisés (EEI) dans le cadre du Protocole II modifié de la Convention sur Certaines Armes Classiques (CCAC).


Nous vous prions d’agrémenter, madame, monsieur l’ambassadeur, l’assurance de notre parfaite considération.

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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as the Coordinators on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) in the framework of Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

As announced during the joint informal preparatory meeting of 4 October 2019 on the CCW Annual Conferences in November 2019, we would like to share with you herewith our proposition regarding the work to be undertaken on IED in 2020.

The proposed mandate will be presented in greater detail to High Contracting Parties of Amended Protocol II under item 10 “Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)” of the Provisional agenda (CCW/APII/CONF.21/1) of the 21st Annual Conference, scheduled for 12 November 2019.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.
**Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)**

The Conference decided that:

(a) The High Contracting Parties request the Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, to maintain, update and keep available on the CCW website the compilation of existing guidelines, best practices and other recommendations aiming at addressing the diversion or illicit use of materials that can be used for improvised explosive devices, on an ongoing basis as new relevant information is published; they further request the Implementation Support Unit to modernize the CCW website and to improve the user interface and experience;

(b) With a view to ultimately compiling guidelines based on existing best practices, recommendations and lessons learned on methods to educate civilians to the risk posed by IED, the Group of Experts will continue its voluntary information exchange on IED risk education methods, campaigns or practices;

(c) The Group of Experts shall, in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Convention, strengthen exchange of information, on a voluntary basis and subject to national policies on the protection of sensitive information, on national measures, reporting methodologies, best practices and lessons learned on the following topics:

(i) New types of IED, especially trigger mechanisms, new components used as main charge and detonators;

(ii) Methods of clearance of IED, with a particular focus on urban environments, as well as technical innovations and new means for clearance of IED as part of humanitarian action;

(iii) Methods to protect civilians from IED;

(d) With respect to the questionnaire on Counter-IED, the High Contracting Parties request the Coordinators to review and revise the original questionnaire on Counter-IED, in consultation with the Implementation Support Unit and the High Contracting Parties. The Coordinators are requested to present to the Group of Experts the proposed revisions and to seek the Group’s approval of the revised questionnaire.

e) With respect to the original questionnaire, the Implementation Support Unit, in consultation with the Coordinators and the High Contracting Parties, is requested, based on the responses received, to:

(i) Make available to High Contracting Parties the responses to the original questionnaire;

(ii) Maintain a list of national point of contacts for Counter-IED cooperation;

(f) With respect to other fora addressing the threat posed by IED, the Group of Experts will keep apprised of the relevant developments in their activities, with a view to ensuring complementarity of efforts.

(g) Recognizing the importance of the full involvement of women and men in disarmament processes and the need to mainstreaming gender into efforts to address the threats posed by IED, High Contracting Parties are encouraged to share information on a voluntary basis regarding their efforts to:

(i) Promote the meaningful participation of women and men in all respective policy and programming decisions;

(ii) Ensure the systematic inclusion of gender considerations in these processes, including the collection and use of sex-and-age disaggregated data (SADD).