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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)

Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War

Article 4 on Recording, Retaining and Transmission of Information

Geneva, 9 February 2010

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the Third Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V
(Geneva, 9-10 November 2009) which decided to continue the consideration of the
implementation of Article 4, which would include, inter alia:

a) Action taken by the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V that have not yet
established relevant national systems, regulations and procedures for recording and
retaining information pursuant to Article 4 of the Protocol; Discussion Paper 2 may
continue to serve as a basis for informing on the actions taken in respect to Article 4
Generic Electronic Template as well as for providing their views, comments, suggestions,
etc. on this issue.

(b) Exchange of information on the national procedures and experience in the
implementation by the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V of their obligations under
Article 4;

(c) Identification of the relevant UN structure that could serve as the focal point for
collecting and transmitting information pursuant to Article 4 (2).

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More information on this topic is also available in Discussion Paper 2 which was presented at the informal Meeting of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V in April 2009, available on the CCW Protocol V webpage at http://www.unog.ch/ccw/ProtocolV.

The consideration of the implementation of Article 4 will continue at the informal Meeting of Experts, to be held in Geneva from 21 to 23 April 2010. In this regard, it is of critical importance for the success of the discussion that the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V share information on their national procedures and experience in implementing their Article 4 obligations, and as the case may be, on action taken in introducing the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template in their national practice.

May I therefore kindly invite you to transmit this correspondence without delay to your national point of contact/respective authorities responsible for implementation of the above-mentioned obligations and preparations of the participation in this year’s Meeting of Experts so that practical and useful recommendations to the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V can be made out of this event.

Yours sincerely,

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on National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol, and on Article 4 Generic electronic template