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CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CCW)

CCW meetings and key milestones in 2019

Excellency,

1. We write in our capacities as: Chairperson of the 2019 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW); President-designate of the 21st Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II; President-designate of the 13th Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V; and, Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on emerging technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (GGE on LAWS).

2. We write to inform you of the following meeting dates and some milestones in preparation for this year's activities under the CCW:

- 25 - 29 March 2019 – First meeting of the GGE on LAWS.
- 31 March 2019 – Deadline for submitting national annual reports on CCW Compliance, Amended Protocol II and Protocol V.
- 20 to 21 August 2019 – Second meeting of the GGE on LAWS.
- 22 August 2019 – Group of Experts on Amended Protocol II.
- 23 August 2019 – Meeting of Experts on Protocol V.
- Week of 19 August 2019 (date tbc) - The Chairperson of the 2019 Meeting of High Contracting Parties intends to hold informal consultations on administrative and financial issues relevant to the CCW in order to take advantage of the presence of capital-based delegates.
- 11 November 2019 – 13th Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V.
- 12 November 2019 – 21st Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.
- 13 to 15 November 2019 – 2019 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

3. The Chair of the GGE LAWS intends to hold informal consultations about the organization of work in the middle of February 2019.

4. Notes on the scope and organization of work of the expert meetings in the framework of the Amended Protocol II and Protocol V, prepared by the respective President-designates, will be circulated in March 2019.

5. We would like to encourage all High Contracting Parties to expedite the settlement of their annual contributions to the CCW budget in order to allow all scheduled activities to be conducted on time and in the best possible conditions. All invoices for 2019 are available on the restricted webpage on Financial Matters of the UNODA Geneva Branch website.

6. We wish to encourage all High Contracting Parties, Signatory and Observer States, in a position to do so, to consider contributing to the Sponsorship Programme. The Sponsorship Programme is critical to our collective efforts to promote universalization and ensure a range of experts and regional perspectives are represented at all CCW meetings.

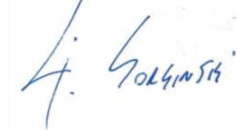
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Chairperson of the 2019
Meeting of the High
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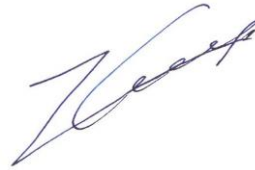
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