Schedule – Eleventh Conference of High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War

Monday 20 November 2017, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Conference Room XVIII

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Conference

Procedural issues to be addressed Agenda items 2 – 7: Election of the President, adoption of the agenda, confirmation of the rules of procedure, appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference, organization of work including that of any subsidiary bodies of the Conference, and election of other officers of the Conference

Agenda Item 8: General exchange of views: High Contracting Parties are encouraged provide updates on their efforts to support universalization and to implement the obligations of Protocol V. In accordance with the recommendations agreed to at the Tenth Conference, cooperation and assistance is to continue to be prioritized under Protocol V. The general exchange is an opportunity for countries to speak on their support for cooperation and assistance to both prevent and alleviate the suffering caused by explosive remnants of war and for those affected countries to outline their needs.

Agenda Item 9: Review of the status and operation of the Protocol: Under this agenda item, the Conference will focus on the implementation of Article 4. This is in accordance with the decision taken at the Tenth Conference to hold a workshop on Article 4. Two panel discussions will be convened. The first panel will focus on High Contracting Parties that have developed and implemented Article 4 procedures and how they went about this work. The second panel will be an opportunity to hear from High Contracting Parties that have received Article 4 information and how this impacted on their surveillance and clearance operations. Delegations are welcome to ask questions and also to speak from the floor on their own experiences concerning Article 4.

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Possible continuation of Agenda Item 9: Review of the status and operation of the Protocol – focus on the implementation of Article 4.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of matters pertaining to national implementation of the Protocol, including national reporting or updating on an annual basis: An update on national reporting in 2017 will be provided. In accordance with the decision taken at the Tenth Conference, “For High Contracting Parties to consider establishing an expert mechanism to assist High Contracting Parties on a voluntary basis over the next review cycle, on national reporting”, the President-designate has carried out consultations on taking forward this proposal and produced the paper titled “Proposal on the provision of expert assistance for national reporting under Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)” for High Contracting Parties’ consideration at the Eleventh Conference.
Procedural issues: Agenda Items 11 and 12: Preparation for review conferences and Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s): As this is not the year of a review conference and establishing a subsidiary body is not anticipated, there should be no need to action under either of these agenda items.

Agenda item 13: Adoption of the cost estimates for 2018

Agenda item 14: other matters

Agenda item 15: Consideration and adoption of the final document.