The Permanent Representatives
of the High Contracting Parties to
CCW Amended Protocol II
Geneva

Geneva, 29 March 2014

Excellency,

I am writing to you as Coordinator on the Operation and Status of Amended Protocol II. The purpose of this letter is to briefly explain the work on reviewing the operation and status of the Protocol, consider matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of Amended Protocol II; as well as the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines at the upcoming CCW Amended Protocol II Group of Experts, which will take place on 1 and 2 April 2014 in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

I take this opportunity to also provide you with the following guidance on what should be the focus of our discussion during the consideration of the above issues.

**National reporting**

With reference to the letter of the President-designate of 12 February, all High Contracting Parties are encouraged to submit their national annual reports by the deadline of 31 March 2014. High Contracting Parties which require assistance on this matter are welcome to get in touch with me or the Implementation Support Unit.

During the Group of Experts, the High Contracting Parties are invited to review reporting Form D of the national annual reports on “Legislation related to this Protocol.” States will consider what information they should normally provide under reporting Form D, pursuant to the existing “Guide to reporting” and whether the information submitted by States thus far corresponds to what has been set out in the Guide. If States deem it necessary, adjustments to the reporting Form D or to the Guide could be envisaged. All High Contracting Parties that have never provided information under this form are encouraged to do so during the session.
Development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines

I would like to invite all participants, including the organizations, to share their views on existing technologies which could protect civilians against the indiscriminate effects of mines. The High Contracting Parties may also wish to share their views on what could be the best way to address this particular topic in the future.

I hope that you will find these clarifications useful in preparing for the Group of Experts. I look forward to working with you at the meeting. Should you require further information on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or the CCW Implementation Support Unit.

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

Yours sincerely,

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