Communities and deserve to be clear of any debris.

This Convention as far out to sea as possible, as the ocean is what sustains our
neighbours. This is insufficient coverage for an island State. Fiji aims to apply with
application of Protocol II limits, refer to land, beaches and waterway crossings
"unexploded ordinances" pose unpremeditated threats to innocent lives. The scope of
munitions. These weapons are still littered beneath the sea floor and on land. These
were used during the Second World War the Pacific was introduced to mines and other
Protocol V of the Convention which relates to mines, booby traps and remnants of
Fiji continues to advocate, on behalf of the Pacific, on the relevance of Protocol II and

Convenion.

and would like to inform this august house of our active steps towards acceding to the
Fiji recognizes the significance of the Convention on certain Conventional Weapons

This vision is not an unreachable ideal, it is simply overdue.
that a person should be able to freely roam without the fear of taking one wrong step.
and prohibiting the use of indiscriminate Conventional weapons. Fiji is for the mind-set
First of all, I would like to commend your and the bureau for your initiative on restricting
Thank you for giving us the opportunity as an Observer State to make an intervention.

Good Morning Chair.

Location: Palais des Nations, Room X11
Date: Monday 29th August 2016

Statement for the Conference on the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to the

Republic of Fiji
Fiji promotes Article 3 (3) in its entirety whereby it is prohibited in all circumstances to use any mine, booby trap or other device which is designed to cause superfluous injury and suffering. Fiji notes the extension of this rule in Article 5. Nevertheless, it is of upmost importance for Fiji to eradicate these weapons from our peaceful State completely, whether or not such weapons are used for military purposes.

In Fiji’s efforts to reach the CCW’s principles and to adhere to its provisions efficiently and effectively, we request international technical cooperation and assistance outlined in Article 11. Specifically in relation to mine clearance, briefing on proper reporting and other states recounts and or legal assistance on modifying national legislation. Fiji is able and willing to work cooperatively and we call on the international community’s expertise, guidance and better nature to assist us and the region with this task.

Delegates, Chair, Fiji looks forward to participate actively in these upcoming sessions and we envision becoming a State Party in the near future.

Thank you Chair,

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[Mariana Sanoz]