Informal Indicative Schedule

Twentieth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II

Tuesday, 20 November 2018, Conference Room XVIII
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Agenda Item 7: General exchange of views: High Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide updates on their efforts to implement the obligations of Amended Protocol II.

Agenda Item 8: Review of the status and operation of the Protocol: High Contracting Parties are invited to report on any efforts made in regard to universalization of Amended Protocol II.

As outlined in his letter, dated 25 September 2018,¹ the President would like to propose a discussion at the Annual Conference on the possibility to reinforce the effectivity of Amended Protocol II through focused exchanges on various relevant aspects of its implementation. This proposal is not made necessarily for assessment purposes, but rather with a view to identify good practices. High Contracting Parties could, on a voluntary basis, share experiences, explain some national legal measures or present a set of skills and knowledge pertaining to the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol. Each President-designate would select one of the articles of Amended Protocol II, which would then be addressed during the Annual Conference under his/her authority. As outlined in the letter, the following articles could be considered: 7 (prohibitions), 8 (transfers), 9 and Technical Annex (recording and use of information), 10 (removal), 11 (technological cooperation and assistance), 12 (protection from effects) and 14 (compliance). The proposed discussion on implementation of the before mentioned articles should not be confused with the article-by-article review carried out in the framework of the Review Conferences. The proposed discussions are instead meant to look more profoundly into the substance of the respective provisions. High Contracting Parties are invited to provide their views on the proposal.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of the amended Protocol and of the development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines: Ms. Eszter Kroll of Hungary, Coordinator on the Operation and Status of the Protocol, will report on the discussions held in the framework of the Group of Experts on this topic and will highlight the main outcomes of the work carried out. The Coordinator will also inform about the proposals for work to be undertaken in 2019.

Agenda Item 10: Improvised Explosive Devices: The Coordinator (until November 2018), Colonel Nicolas Coussière of France, and the Co-Coordinator, Ms. Diana Esperanza Castillo Castro of Colombia, will report on the work carried out in the framework of the Group of Experts, pursuant to the mandate received at the 19th Annual Conference of 2017. The proposed mandate on work to be carried out on IED in 2019 will be presented by the successor of Colonel Coussière, Lieutenant Colonel Pascal Levant of France. Dr. James Kearney from Action on Armed Violence (AOAV) will provide an overview of the most salient evolutions pertaining to IED over the course of this year.

Agenda Item 11: Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)

Agenda item 12: Adoption of the cost estimates for 2019

Agenda item 13: Other matters

Agenda item 14: Consideration and adoption of the final document