# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

| MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2010 | 10.00 – 13.00 | • Opening of the meetings of experts  
• Universalization of Amended Protocol II  
• Operation and status of Amended Protocol II  
• National reporting under Amended Protocol II  

| | 15.00 – 18.00 | • National reporting under Amended Protocol II (cont.)  
• Protection of civilians under Amended Protocol II  
• Improvised explosive devices  

| TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2010 | 10.00 – 13.00 | • Improvised explosive devices (cont.)  

| | 15.00 – 18.00 | • Victim assistance  

| WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2010 | 10.00 – 13.00 | • Generic preventive measures under Protocol V  
• Victim assistance (cont.)  

| | 15.00 – 18.00 | • Victim assistance (cont.)  
• WISP.V  
• National reporting under Protocol V  

| THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2010 | 10.00 – 13.00 | • Cooperation and Assistance. Requests for Assistance  
• Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW. Recording, retaining and transfer of information under Art.4 of Protocol V  

| | 15.00 – 18.00 | • Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW. Recording, retaining and transfer of information under Art.4 of Protocol V (cont.)  

| FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2010 | 10.00 – 13.00 | • National reporting under Amended Protocol II (cont.)  
• National reporting under Protocol V (cont.)  
• WISP.V (cont.)  

| | 15.00 – 18.00 | • Generic preventive measures (cont.)  
• Universalization of Protocol V  
• Closing of the meetings of experts  

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1 This Annotated Provisional Programme has been prepared by the CCW Amended Protocol II and Protocol V Coordinators in cooperation with the Presidents-designate of the Twelfth Annual Conference of High Contracting Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II and of the Fourth Conference of High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V. The Programme aims at assisting the States Parties and observer delegations in preparing for the 2010 Amended Protocol II and Protocol V meetings of experts. This Programme remains a flexible framework and will be applied accordingly; hence timings for allocation of the different topics are only notional and subject to change, if necessary. Additional information on the issues to be discussed under each topic is available on the webpages of the two respective CCW protocols at [http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV](http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV) and [http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII](http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII).
OFFICE HOLDERS

PRESIDENTS-DESIGNATE OF THE ANNUAL CCW CONFERENCES OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO CCW AMENDED PROTOCOL II AND PROTOCOL V:

- Ambassador GERMÁN MUNDARAÍN HERNÁNDEZ of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), President-designate of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II
- Ambassador PETER WOOLCOTT of Australia, President-designate of the Fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V.

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COORDINATORS APPOINTED BY THE STATES PARTIES OF CCW AMENDED PROTOCOL II AND PROTOCOL V:

- Mr. ABDERRAZZAK LAASSEL of Morocco - Coordinator on the status and operation of Amended Protocol II; matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to paragraph 4 of Article 13 of Amended Protocol II; and, development of technologies to protect civilians against indiscriminate effects of mines;
- Mr. RETO WOLLENMANN of Switzerland - Coordinator on improvised explosive devices;
- Ms. RENATA ALISAUSKIENE of Lithuania - Coordinator on Clearance, Removal or Destruction of ERW;
- Ms. STEPHANIE KARNER of Austria - Coordinator on Victim assistance
- Ms. DANIJELA ŽUNEC BRANDT of Croatia - Friend of the Coordinator on Victim Assistance;
- Mr. JAMES C. O’SHEA of Ireland - Coordinator on Cooperation and assistance and Requests for assistance;
- Mr. GYULA SOMOGYI of Hungary - Coordinator on the Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V);
- Mr. HENRIK MARKUŠ of Slovakia - Coordinator on National reporting and the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template;
- Captain (Navy) ERIC STEINMYLLER of France - Coordinator on Generic preventive measures, pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol.

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OPENING OF THE MEETINGS OF EXPERTS

The 2010 meetings of experts will be opened by President-designate of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II.

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UNIVERSALIZATION OF AMENDED PROTOCOL II

The discussion will focus on the efforts aimed at universalizing Amended Protocol II in implementing the CCW Plan of Action on Promoting the Universality of CCW and its annexed Protocols

Topics for discussion:

- All States parties are encouraged to provide information on their efforts and national/regional/international initiatives aimed at promoting the universalization of Amended Protocol II;

- All observer States are encouraged to provide information on their intentions to consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II, or the difficulties/challenges preventing them from doing so at this stage.

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STATUS AND OPERATION OF AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Pursuant to the relevant decision by the Eleventh Annual Conference of the High Contracting parties to the protocol, the discussion will center on the legal possibility and the feasibility of terminating the original CCW Protocol II.

Reference materials:  ⇨ Discussion paper CCW/AP.II/GX/2010/2 by the Coordinator;
                    ⇨ Letter by the Coordinator, dated Geneva, 31 March 2010. ²

Topics for discussion:

- All States and interested organizations are encouraged to consider what could be the best procedure to terminate the unamended CCW Protocol II.

- The 12 States parties to Protocol II which have not yet consented to be bound by the

² Available on the webpage of the 2010 Group of Experts under the CCW Amended Protocol II website at http://www.unog.ch/CCW/AmendedProtocolII.
amended version of the protocol are encouraged to brief on their national position and intention to accede to AP.II.

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NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER AMENDED PROTOCOL II

Submission of national annual reports (NARs) is a legal obligation under Amended Protocol II and failure to meet this requirement represents a non compliance with the provisions of the treaty. In 2010 the discussion will focus on the following issues:

- **Status of reporting** under AP.II;
- Review of the **functioning of the reporting mechanism** established under Amended Protocol II, including the deadline for submission of National Annual Reports (NAR);
- Exchange of views on the **content of the NARs**, with particular focus on the information provided under Reporting Form A “Dissemination of information”;

Reference materials:
- Discussion paper CCW/AP.II/GX/2010/3 by the Coordinator;
- Letter by the Coordinator, dated Geneva, 31 March 2010. ³

**Topics for discussion:**

- The 24 States parties which have not yet done so are invited to meet their legal obligations and submit their respective initial national reports. All parties are encouraged to submit their updated NARs;
- All States parties are invited to review the functioning of the reporting machinery of Amended Protocol II, in particular, the utility and feasibility of introducing on-line submission of national reports;
- All States parties are invited to consider the proposal to fix the deadline for submission of the NAR on 31 March of each year thus synchronizing it with the deadline for submission of reports under CCW Protocol V and making NARs available in time for the discussion in the Group of Experts.
- All States and interested organizations are invited to participate in an exchange of views on the information provided under Reporting Form A “Dissemination of information”.

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³ Idem.
NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES TO PROTECT CIVILIANS AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS OF MINES

The discussion should focus on the exchange of information on the technologies and techniques developed at national level to protect the civilian population and the deminers from the effect of mines.

Topics for discussion:

- The Coordinator would like to invite all participants to share their views on what could be the best way to address this particular topic in the future.

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IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDs)

In 2009 the Group of Experts acknowledged the humanitarian challenges associated with the use of IEDs and focused on various technical issues and trends regarding IEDs as well as on prevention and protection. The need to approach this topic in synergy with some other relevant topics considered under Protocol V was also recognized. Therefore, in 2010 the Group will build on what was achieved last year and further explore the following issues identified as useful in 2009:

- **Scope of the problem**: IED use in different regional contexts (case studies);
- **Prevention and protection**: with particular focus on the various ways to fight the chain of supply;
- **Implementation of key articles of AP II**: which are particularly relevant for the protection of civilians;
- **Humanitarian challenges**.

Reference materials:  
☞ Discussion paper CCW/AP.II/GX/2010/1 by the Coordinator;  
☞ Letter by the Coordinator, dated 25 March 2010.  

4 Idem.
Topics for discussion:

- All States and interested organizations are encouraged to share their experience in dealing with IEDs and provide information that would help assess the scope of the problem associated with the use of IEDs and their humanitarian impact;

- All States and interested organizations are invited to inform on the efforts to fight the chain of supply and prevent military and other relevant materials from falling into the hands of non-state armed actors.

- All States and interested organizations are invited to focus on the implementation of the relevant articles of AP.II on protection of civilians. Experts could discuss various measures to protect the civilian population against IEDs, e.g. awareness raising activities, information sharing with the goal of protecting the civilian population, warning to civilians, etc.

- In order to deepen previous exchange on the multifaceted humanitarian challenges of IEDs, States and interested organizations are encouraged to focus on assisting the survivors of IED incidents, both combatants and civilians. A particular topic to explore would be the common patterns of injury associated with IEDs and whether those result in specific requirements when assisting IED victims.

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IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDs)

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 2 of Protocol V, this session will provide an opportunity to hear updates from States in need of assistance in implementing Protocol V and the Plan of Action, as well as from States in a position to provide such assistance.

The sessions on victim assistance will also be aimed at:

- Enhancing the understanding of the scale of the task that High Contracting Parties with ERW victims in areas under their control or jurisdiction are faced with, and

- Sharing experiences and best practices in implementing the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance, as adopted by the Second Conference, and identifying obstacles to providing effective support to ERW victims.

Reference materials:

 uphe Letter by the Coordinator and the Friend of the Coordinator, dated 11 February 2010;5
 uphe Plan of Action on Victim Assistance under Protocol V, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/12, Annex IV.6
 uphe Questionnaire on Victim Assistance under Protocol V, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/2, Annex I7

Topics for discussion:

- The Plan of Action encourages High Contracting Parties to provide information with respect to their ERW victims and to regularly exchange information on national implementation. High Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide this information via the Victim Assistance Questionnaire prior to the Meeting of Experts as well as orally at the April meeting. This is valid for both High Contracting Parties with victims of ERW in areas under their jurisdiction or control as well as for High Contracting Parties in a position to provide cooperation and assistance to affected States.

- All High Contracting Parties and observers are encouraged to share information on national experience, best practices and lessons learnt in implementing some or all of the actions included in the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance. States responsible for ERW victims, are encouraged to provide details on national laws and policies, consultation mechanisms and needs assessment practices, in line with Action # 4. States contributing to victim assistance programmes are encouraged to share experiences on the most effective methods of delivering cooperation and assistance, in line with Action #3.

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5 Available on the webpage of the 2010 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV.
7 Idem.
 GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The sessions on Generic preventive measures will focus on the following:

- Finalization of the “Guide for the implementation of Part 3 of the Technical annex”, as contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2009/2/Add.1, with a view of its adoption by the Fourth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V as a best practice.

- General exchange of views on national approaches to implement Article 9 and Part 3 of the Technical Annex of Protocol V, with particular focus on Ammunition management (case study).

Reference materials:
- Letter by the Coordinator, dated 5 April 2010.8
- CCW/P.V/CONF/2009/2/Add.1.9

Topics for discussion:

- States parties and observers are encouraged to submit amendments, adjustments and other proposals, if any, to the draft “Guide for the implementation of Part 3 of the Technical Annex” with a view of its finalization.

- States parties and observers are encouraged to continue the exchange information on national practices and experience in implementing the provisions of Article 9 and Part 3 of the Technical Annex. They are invited, in particular, to continue the discussion initiated in 2009 and share information on national specific approaches in addressing the challenges associated with ammunition management.

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8 Available on the webpage of the 2010 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV.
VICTIM ASSISTANCE

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WEB-BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR PROTOCOL V (WISP.V)

The Coordinator will provide information on the implementation of the decision of the States parties for the establishment of WISP.V as a comprehensive and integrated tool for access to all relevant Protocol V information. Based on the specific comments or suggestions made during the discussion on the basic outline of the system, the necessary adjustments to WISP.V will be made and the agreed design document will be submitted to the UN IT developer who will create the system.

Reference materials:  Discussion paper CCW/P.V/MX/2010/2 by the Coordinator.

**Topics for discussion:**

- States parties and observers are encouraged to react on the proposed content and design of WISP.V, as contained in Discussion paper CCW/P.V/MX/2010/2.

- Based on their national experience in preparing and submitting transparency reports, the States parties and interested observers are invited to advise whether they are in a position to accept and use in the future an on-line submission of national annual reports under Protocol V.

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NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER PROTOCOL V

The session on this topic will be aimed at:

- Providing an overview of the status of national reporting under Protocol V. The States parties are invited to share any particular difficulties they have experienced in the preparation of their national reports.

Reference materials:  
⇒ Letter by the Coordinator, dated 8 February 2010  
⇒ Discussion paper CCW/P.V/MX/2010/4 by the Coordinator\textsuperscript{10}  

Topics for discussion:

- All States parties which have not yet done so are invited to meet their legal obligations and submit their initial reports or annual updates under Protocol V.

- States parties and observers are encouraged to assess the “Guide to National Reporting under CCW Protocol V”, based on their national experience in preparing and submitting national reports.

- States parties and observers are encouraged to provide specific suggestions or amendments to the “Guide to National Reporting under CCW Protocol V”.

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\textsuperscript{10} Available on the webpage of the 2010 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at \url{http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV}.

\textsuperscript{11} Available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (ODS) at \url{http://documents.un.org}. 

COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

These two closely related topics are at the heart of CCW Protocol V implementation and important contributing factors to the universalization of the Protocol. The Meetings of Experts offer an important opportunity to facilitate the matching of needs with resources and other aspects of cooperation and assistance by increasing contact and mutual understanding between those dealing with the problems posed by ERW and those in a position to provide assistance.

The subjects of cooperation and assistance and of requests for assistance are also, of course, intimately linked with other substantive areas of work under the Protocol, principally clearance and victim assistance.

Reference materials:  
☞ Letter by the Coordinator, dated Geneva, 26 February 2010.12  
☞ requests for assistance submitted pursuant to Art. 7 of Protocol V13

Topics for discussion:

- States which have either provided or received assistance with regard to ERW are encouraged to consider providing information on their experiences, both positive and negative. This might include joint presentations by providers and recipients of assistance in relation to individual projects. Such an exchange of information can be of considerable benefit for the future work on the implementation of the Protocol, both at the national level and internationally.

- States which have submitted requests for assistance pursuant to Article 7 are requested to provide updates on the status of the subject matter of these requests – these updates might include, inter alia, whether assistance has been received, whether some or all of the tasks covered by the requests have been completed, etc.

- States affected by ERW are encouraged to bring their needs to the attention of States or relevant international organizations and institutions which may be in a position to provide assistance.

- States which may be in a position to provide assistance to States affected by ERW are encouraged to provide information on the kinds of assistance which they may be able to provide, as well as on modalities of submission and consideration of applications for assistance, and other relevant matters.

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13 Available on the Protocol V website at www.unog.ch/ccw/ProtocolV under the heading “ERW database”.

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CLEARANCE. RECORDING, RETAINING AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION UNDER ART.4 OF PROTOCOL V

Based on the considerable national experience acquired so far, the session on clearance will focus on the following main topics:

- **Clearance, Removal or Destruction of ERW**: exchange of national information and experience on ERW clearance activities and in seeking and receiving assistance under the provisions of the Protocol;

- **Article 3 on Clearance**: particular focus on evaluation and achieving results in clearance projects;

- **Article 4 on Recording, retaining and transmission of information on the explosives used during an armed conflict.** Special focus should be on the following:
  1. Exchange of information on the national procedures and experience in the implementation by the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V of their obligations under Article 4 to record, retain and transmit the information on the explosives used during an armed conflict;
  2. Reviewing the adequacy and usefulness of the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template, approved by the Second Conference;
  3. Identification of the relevant UN structure that could serve as the focal point for collecting and transmitting information pursuant to Article 4 (2);

- **Environmental impact of ERW.**

**Reference materials:**

- Discussion paper CCW/P.V/MX/2010/1 by the Coordinator
- Discussion paper CCW/P.V/MX/2010/3 by the Coordinator;
- Letter by the Coordinator, dated 9 February 2010.  

**Topics for discussion:**

- States in need of assistance are encouraged to share information on national practice and experience in clearance, removal and/or destruction of ERW and to **provide updates on their ERW situation**;

- Parties in control of ERW-contaminated territory are encouraged to share national experience on going through **ERW clearance project cycle**, starting with priority setting and finishing with the evaluation of the results on clearance done;

- All States and interested organizations are invited to provide information on the national procedures and experience in **recording, retaining and transfer of information** on the use of explosive ordnance in accordance with Article 4 of CCW Protocol V;

- All States parties are encouraged to provide views on the relevant UN structure that could serve as the focal point for collecting, retaining, and transmitting information pursuant to Article 4 (2) of CCW Protocol V.

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• States parties and observers are encouraged to discuss the environmental impact of ERW and share national experience on national ERW clearance practices used in order to make clearance less harmful to the environment.
CLEARANCE. RECORDING, RETAINING AND TRANSFER OF
INFORMATION UNDER ART.4 OF PROTOCOL V

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NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER AMENDED PROTOCOL II

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NATIONAL REPORTING UNDER PROTOCOL V

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WEB-BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR PROTOCOL V (WISP.V)

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GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES

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UNIVERSALIZATION

The discussion will focus on the efforts aimed at universalizing Protocol V in implementing the CCW Plan of Action on Promoting the Universality of CCW and its annexed Protocols.

Topics for discussion:

- States parties and relevant organizations are invited to share information on their efforts aimed at the universalization of CCW Protocol V.

- The observer States are invited to advise on their status of accession to CCW Protocol V, in particular on any possible obstacle still preventing them from doing so.

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CLOSING OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

The 2010 meetings of experts will be closed by the President-designate of the Fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V.