“26. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Explosive Remnants of War would continue its work in the year 2004 with the mandate contained in Appendix III attached to the Procedural Report of the Sixth Session of the Group of Governmental Experts (CCW/GGE/VI/2), annexed to this Report as Annex V.

27. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines would continue its work in the year 2004 with the mandate contained in Appendix IV attached to the Procedural Report of the Sixth Session of the Group of Governmental Experts (CCW/GGE/VI/2), annexed to this Report as Annex V.

28. The Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Chairman-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols, taking into account proposals put forward, and shall submit a report, adopted by consensus, to the States Parties.

29. At its third plenary meeting, on 28 November 2003, the Meeting of the States Parties decided to commission follow-up work under the oversight of the Chairman-designate of a Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention to be held from 18 to 19 November 2004 at Geneva in conjunction with the Sixth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II.

30. At the same plenary meeting, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the intersessional work of the Group of Governmental Experts will be undertaken in three sessions at Geneva during 2004:

- 8 to 12 March 2004
- 5 to 16 July 2004
- 8 to 16 November 2004

31. The Meeting of the States Parties addressed the issue of the dates and duration of the Sixth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II and decided that it be held on 17 November 2004 at Geneva.

32. The States Parties decided to designate Ambassador Gordan Markotić of Croatia as Chairman of the Meeting of the States Parties to be held in 2004, and appointed Ambassador Markku Reimaa of Finland as Coordinator on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines.”

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Appendix III

RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

The Working Group on Explosive Remnants of War recommends to the States Parties that it would continue its work in the year 2004 with the following mandate:

To continue to consider the implementation of existing principles of International Humanitarian Law and to further study, on an open-ended basis, and initially with particular emphasis on meetings of military and technical experts, possible preventive measures aimed at improving the design of certain specific types of munitions, including sub-munitions, with a view to minimise the humanitarian risk of these munitions becoming explosive remnants of war. Exchange of information, assistance and co-operation would be part of this work.

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Appendix IV

RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
MINES OTHER THAN ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

The Working Group on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines recommends to the States Parties that it would continue its work in the year 2004 with the following mandate:

1. To consider all proposals on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines put forward since the establishment of the Group of Governmental Experts with the aim of elaborating appropriate recommendations on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines for submission to the next Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention.

2. Meetings of military experts shall also be conducted to provide advice on these activities.