Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
3. Confirmation of the rules of procedure (first session only).
4. Organization of the work of the Group of Governmental Experts.
5. Focus of work of the Group of Governmental Experts in 2020, in line with agreed mandate:¹
   (a) An exploration of the potential challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems to International Humanitarian Law;
   (b) Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention;
   (c) Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems;
   (d) Review of potential military applications of related technologies in the context of the Group’s work;
   (e) Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals.
   (f) Consensus recommendations in relation to the clarification, consideration and development of aspects of the normative and operational framework on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems.²
6. Preparation of the report for consideration at the 2020 Meeting of High Contracting Parties in accordance with the decision of the High Contracting Parties in 2019 (paragraph 31 CCW/MSP/2019/9).
7. Adoption of the report (second session only).

¹ In its discussions under each agenda item the Group shall consider the legal, technological and military aspects and the interaction between them, and bearing in mind ethical considerations.
² These recommendations are to be based on consideration of: the guiding principles, which it may further develop and elaborate; the work on the legal, technological and military aspects; the conclusions of the Group, as reflected in its reports of 2017, 2018 and 2019.