
Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps, and Other Devices to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

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Technical decisions by the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps, and Other Devices to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects on the work related to Amended Protocol II for 2021

The High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps, and Other Devices (AP-II) to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW),

Taking into account that the 22nd Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II was not convened in view of extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic,

Emphasizing that the adoption of the technical decisions by silent procedure is aimed to ensure continuity of the AP-II process in difficult circumstances and does not create a precedent for the future,

Emphasizing, further, that the technical decisions do not prejudice the decisions of the previous Annual Conferences of the High Contracting Parties to AP-II.

Decided:

1. To confirm the nomination of H.E. Ambassador Maria Teresa Almojuela of the Philippines as President of the 22nd Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.
2. To note the national annual reports submitted in 2020 by the following High Contracting Parties in accordance with Article 13 paragraph 4 of the Amended Protocol: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
3. To note the work of the IED Coordinators, France and Colombia, in accordance with paragraph 35(d) of the final document of the 21st Annual Conference, reviewing and revising the original questionnaire on Counter-IED and to request the IED Coordinators to present to the 2021 Group of Experts the proposed revisions, and to seek the Group's approval of the revised questionnaire, and to present the revised questionnaire for adoption during the Twenty-Third Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II.

4. That the 2021 session of the Group of Experts will be for a duration of up to one-and-a-half days on the dates to be decided by the High Contracting Parties to the Convention;
5. That the 23rd Annual Conference will be convened on the date to be decided by the High Contracting Parties to the Convention and to recommend to the 23rd Annual Conference a provisional agenda, as contained in Annex I;
6. To adopt the estimated costs for the 2021 session of the Group of Experts and the 23rd Annual Conference as contained in Annex II and Annex III, and
7. To nominate H.E. Ambassador Ichiro Ogasawara of Japan as President-designate of the 23rd Annual Conference.

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Annex I

Provisional agenda of the Fifteenth Conference

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Confirmation of the nomination of the President and other officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Confirmation of the rules of procedure
5. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference
6. Organization of work including that of any subsidiary bodies of the Conference
7. General exchange of views
8. Review of the operation and status of the Protocol
9. Consideration of matters arising from reports by High Contracting Parties according to Article 13 (4) of the amended Protocol
10. Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
11. Preparation for the Sixth Review conference
12. Report(s) of any subsidiary organ(s)
13. Adoption of the estimated costs for 2022
14. Other matters
15. Consideration and adoption of the final document

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Annex II

Estimated Costs

2021 Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II

1. The High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects decided to convene a 1.5 day meeting of the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties in 2021 on a date to be decided.

2. This document is submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned decision of the High Contracting Parties and provides estimated costs in the amount of US\$ 29,500 for convening that meeting. The biennial budget for 2021 and 2022 (US\$ 29,500 x 2) is US\$ 59,000. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the attached table.

3. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the meeting and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At that time, any adjustments in the contributions made by the participants sharing the costs will be determined accordingly.

4. With regard to the financial arrangements, it will be recalled that, in accordance with the financial measures adopted in 2017, the assessment of contributions towards the cost of preparing and holding meetings shall be calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account the difference between the United Nations membership on the one hand and the number of States other than High Contracting Parties in attendance combined with the number of High Contracting Parties on the other. States that are not High Contracting Parties but that have accepted the invitation to take part in the meetings share the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale of assessments.

5. Subject to the High Contracting Parties' approval of the estimated costs and cost-sharing formula, assessment notices will be prepared based on the overall estimated costs and applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the above-mentioned activities shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, High Contracting Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

Annex III

Estimated Costs

2021 Twenty-Third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II

1. The Twenty-Second Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, held in Geneva on 10 November 2020, decided to convene a one-day meeting of the Twenty-Third Annual Conference on a date to be decided.

2. This document, submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned decision, provides estimated costs of US\$87,800. The estimated costs for 2022 are US\$80,400, and the biennial budget for 2021 and 2022 (US\$87,800 + US\$80,400) is US\$168,200. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the attached table.

3. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will be determined after the closure of the meeting and completion of related work, with all relevant expenditures recorded in the accounts. At that time, any adjustments in the contributions made by the participants sharing the costs will be determined accordingly.

4. With regard to the financial arrangements, it will be recalled that, in accordance with the financial measures adopted in 2017, the assessment of contributions towards the cost of preparing and holding meetings shall be calculated on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account the difference between the United Nations membership on the one hand and the number of States other than High Contracting Parties in attendance combined with the number of High Contracting Parties on the other. States that are not High Contracting Parties but that have accepted the invitation to take part in the meetings share the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale of assessments.

5. Subject to the High Contracting Parties' approval of the estimated costs and cost-sharing formula, assessment notices will be prepared based on the overall estimated costs and applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the above-mentioned activities shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, High Contracting Parties and States not parties participating in the work of the Conference should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

Title of session:	Twenty-Third Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II (AP II) on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, Annexed to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)							
Dates to be held:	Location Geneva, November 2021 (1 day with Summary Records)							
	Meeting	Pre-session	In-session	Summary	Post-session	Support Services	Other	
Conference-servicing items	Servicing *	documentation *	documentation *	records *	documentation *	requirements *	requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	13,200							13,200
Translation of documentation		17,500		20,200	22,500			60,200
Support Services requirements^{1/}						800		800
Virtual/hybrid meeting services^{2/}							7,000	7,000
Other requirements^{3/}							6,600	6,600
Total	13,200	17,500	0	20,200	22,500	800	13,600	87,800
* - at US\$								
	A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)							87,800
	B. Non-conference-servicing requirements							
	Grand total (rounded) A+B							87,800
<i>1/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 1 day) \$800</i>								
<i>2/ Virtual meeting services (50 in-platform participants, 6 languages, 2 sessions of 3 hours per day x 1 day) \$6,100; UN web TV coverage (1 day) \$900</i>								
<i>3/ Rental of PC and printer \$15; Secretary (1 x 4 days) \$1,600; Documents control officer (1 x 1 day) \$300; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$4,700</i>								

Title of session:		Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II (AP II) on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, Annexed to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)						
Dates to be held:		Location Geneva, November 2022 (1 day with Summary Records)						
Conference-servicing items	Meeting Servicing *	Pre-session documentation *	In-session documentation *	Summary records *	Post-session documentation *	Support Services requirements *	Other requirements *	Total *
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interpretation and meeting servicing	13,200							13,200
Translation of documentation		17,500		20,200	22,500			60,200
Support Services requirements ^{2/}						800		800
Other requirements ^{3/}							6,200	6,200
Total	13,200	17,500		20,200	22,500	800	6,200	80,400
* - at US\$								
				A. Total conference-servicing requirements (inclusive of 13% programme support costs)				80,400
				B. Non-conference-servicing requirements				
							Grand total (rounded) A+B	80,400
<i>2/ Sound technician/recording (2 x 1 day) \$800</i>								
<i>3/ Rental of PC and printer \$15; Secretary (1 x 4 days) \$1,600; Documents control officer (1 x 1 day) \$300; Dedicated assistance provided for accounting services and administration of financial resources \$4,300</i>								