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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), in preparation of the second part of that meeting.

As you may recall, I indicated in my previous communication (on 21 May) that I would explore dates to hold the second part of the Second Review Conference as soon as possible and would come back to you with more information once the situation has become clearer regarding upper limits for in-person meetings and room availabilities.

Following the recent easing of COVID-19 protective measures, I explored together with the Secretariat options for dates for our meeting before the summer holidays. Unfortunately, due to various logistical obstacles, no feasible dates could be obtained that would have enabled the holding of the second part of the Review Conference in conditions meeting all necessary requirements.

After consultation with the Coordination Committee, I therefore came to the conclusion that the most feasible scenario is to aim for the dates originally foreseen for the 10th Meeting of States Parties between 20 and 23 September, as a last resort for our meeting. Once the exact dates of the 2-day second part of the Review Conference have been determined, I will initiate a silence procedure for States Parties to confirm them.

In this context, I am inviting you to a virtual briefing on Friday, 18 June, at 15h00, where I will present the way forward until the September meeting. The link for the meeting will be circulated shortly.

I thank you again for your flexibility, your support and your engagement. As per usual, should you have any question, do not hesitate to contact my team at the following address: ccm2rc@eda.admin.ch

Yours sincerely,

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