The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to all the Permanent Missions and Delegations of all High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious Or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and has the honor to convey the following:

1. The Republic of the Philippines is inviting all delegates to the Group of Experts meetings of the CCW and other interested parties to a side event entitled “Community-Led Universalization of CCW Norms: Lessons From the Philippines’ Peace and Reconciliation Process” on 22 July 2022, at 1:00 p.m., at Room XXIII of the Palais des Nations, on the sidelines of the Group of Experts Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Fifth Protocol of the CCW.

2. This side event will brief delegates on the community-led norms-building process in the Bangsamoro, an autonomous region in southern Philippines, which has been promoting the humanitarian goals of the CCW and the inclusion of gender-based response to humanitarian challenges. The concept note and program is attached for reference.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Permanent Missions and Delegations of all High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious Or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) the assurances of its highest consideration.

12 July 2022

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High Contracting Parties to the CCW are committed to universalizing the Convention and its Protocols. Beyond formal accession to these instruments, however, the humanitarian objectives of the CCW are best achieved through wider adherence to the norms it promotes. This is demonstrated by the experience of the Philippines, which recently ratified CCW Protocol V on explosive remnants of war (ERW).

Addressing the reverberating impacts of ERWs and assisting victims have always been embedded in Philippine policy, which is pursued with whole-of-society approach that takes into account the perspective of all stakeholders and partners, and is gender-sensitive. This is particularly true in the current peace and reconciliation process in the Bangsamoro, a new autonomous region in southern Philippines. This process has seen the development of robust norms that advance CCW goals, demonstrating that universalization of these norms is best achieved through an inclusive community-led process that takes into account local nuances.