

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>1</sup>**

<b>WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2009</b>	<b>10.00 – 13.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generic preventive measures</li> <li>• National Reporting. Article 4 generic electronic template</li> </ul>
	<b>15.00 – 18.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Reporting. Article 4 generic electronic template (cont.)</li> <li>• Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2009</b>	<b>10.00 – 13.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW (cont.)</li> <li>• Cooperation and assistance. Requests for assistance</li> </ul>
	<b>15.00 – 18.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victim assistance</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2009</b>	<b>10.00 – 13.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victim assistance(cont.)</li> </ul>
	<b>15.00 – 18.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generic preventive measures (cont.)</li> <li>• Article 4 generic electronic template. National Reporting (cont.)</li> <li>• Universalization of Protocol V</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> This Annotated Provisional Programme has been prepared by the CCW Protocol V Coordinators in cooperation with the President-designate of the Third Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V. The Programme aims at assisting the States Parties and observer delegations in preparing for the 2009 Protocol V Meeting of experts. This Programme remains a flexible framework and will be applied accordingly, hence timings for allocation of the different topics are only notional and subject to change. Additional, more detailed information on the issues to be discussed under each topic was communicated by the Coordinators in advance of the Meeting and is available on the webpage of the 2009 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at <http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV>.



## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

### GENERIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES

*Pursuant to the relevant decision of the Second Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, the discussions on generic preventive measures, pursuant to Article 9 and the Technical Annex of the Protocol, will take place under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Colonel Jean-Christophe Le Roux of France.*

*The sessions on Generic preventive measures will be focused on three main topics:*

- *The generic questionnaire contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/7 aimed at assisting States to identify efficient preventive measures in order to minimize the occurrence of ERW;*
- *Exchange of views on the national approaches to implement Article 9 and Part 3 of the Technical Annex of Protocol V;*
- *One particular topic - Ammunition storage - is proposed for a more detailed discussion.*

*All States parties and observers are encouraged, as follows:*

- *To provide views, amendments or specific suggestions on each of the chapters/items of the check-list, contained in CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/7;*
- *To share information on national practices and approaches in implementing Article 9 and the Technical Annex of Protocol V;*
- *To share information on national specific approaches to address the challenges associated with ammunition stockpiles management.*

*A detailed list of questions and suggestions on the issues which could be considered during the discussion is contained in the letter by the Coordinator, dated 10 March 2009. The letter, as well as document CCW/P.V/CONF/2008/7 are available on the webpage of the 2009 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at <http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV>.*

### NATIONAL REPORTING. ART.4 GENERIC ELECTRONIC TEMPLATE

*Pursuant to the relevant decision of the Second Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, the discussions on (i) Article 4 generic electronic template, as adopted by the Conference on a trial basis for the purpose of effective recording and retaining of information pertinent to the implementation of Article 4 (and to its further adaptation at national level), and (ii) on National reporting, pursuant to Article 10 (2) (b) of the Protocol, will take place under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator, Mr. Henrik Markuš of Slovakia.*

*The sessions on these two topics will be aimed at:*

- *Evaluating the Reporting Mechanism, including the Reporting Formats.*
- *Reviewing the adequacy and usefulness of the Article 4 Generic Electronic Template which was approved by the Second Conference and is contained in Annex III of its Final Document.*

*All States parties and observers are encouraged, as follows:*

- *To provide views, amendments or specific suggestions on each of the “Possible Elements for National Reporting”.*
- *To share national experience in introducing in its armed forces and making use of Article 4 generic electronic template to retain and/or transfer or receive information pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol V.*

*As part of the discussion, the Coordinator will make an overview of the status of national reporting. The States parties are invited to share any particular difficulties they have experienced in the preparation of their first national reports, as well as to make recommendations on issues related to the substance of the form of the reporting formats.*

*The “Possible Elements for National Reporting” are contained in the letter by the Coordinator, dated 24 March 2009. The letter is available on the webpage of the 2009 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at <http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV>.*

## **CLEARANCE**

*Pursuant to the relevant decision of the Second Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, the discussions on clearance, removal or destruction of ERW will take place under the overall responsibility of the **Coordinator, Ms. Renata Alisauskiene of Lithuania.***

*Based on the considerable national experience acquired so far, the session on clearance will focus on the following main topics:*

- *Clearance, Removal or Destruction of ERW: exchange of national information and experience;*
- *Responsibilities of the user of explosive ordinances: national experience in introducing in armed forces and making use of Article 4 generic electronic template or other appropriate means to record information on the use of explosive ordinances; submission of information to the parties in control of the territory pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol V.*
- *Responsibilities of the State party in control of ERW-contaminated territory: particular focus on prioritization and assessment of needs for clearance pursuant to Article 3 of the Protocol.*
- *Environmental impact of ERW.*

*All States parties and observers are encouraged, as follows:*

- *States in need of assistance to share with the participants national practice and experience on clearance, removal and/or destruction of ERW;*
- *Users of explosive ordinances to share practice and experience on recording of information on the use of explosive ordinances and the submission of this information to the parties in control of the territory;*
- *Parties in control of ERW-contaminated territory to share national experience in priority setting and needs assessment for clearance.*

## **COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

*Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, the discussions on cooperation and assistance and requests for assistance, pursuant to Article 7 and 8 of the Protocol, will take place under the overall responsibility of the **Coordinator, Mr. Gyula Somogyi of Hungary.***

*These two topics are in the very core of the basic concept of the CCW Protocol V implementation mechanism established with the purpose of connecting needs with resources. Under this concept the Meetings of experts should foster cooperation and assistance between those requesting assistance in dealing with the problems posed both by existing and future ERW and those in a position to provide assistance.*

*The discussion under these two topics will focus on tools, not on substance, as requests/provision of assistance and cooperation among the States parties is an integral part of the discussion under the two main substantive topics, namely clearance and victim assistance.*

- *States parties and observers are encouraged to evaluate the mechanism for requesting assistance, in particular the applicability and utility of the formats for Request of Assistance, as contained in Annex V of the Report of the Second Conference.*
- *The Coordinator will provide information on the implementation of the decision of the Second Conference on the preparation of a comprehensive proposal for the establishment of a Web-based Information System for Protocol V (WISP.V) creating a comprehensive and integrated framework to help States Parties' accession to all relevant Protocol V information.*

## **VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

*Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, the discussion on victim assistance, pursuant to Article 8 (2), will take place under the overall responsibility of the **Coordinator, Ms. Angela Robinson of Australia to be assisted by Ms. Danijela Žunec Brandt of Croatia, as Friend of the Coordinator.***

*The sessions on victim assistance will be aimed at:*

- (1) Enhancing the understanding of the scale of the current task faced by the States parties in the provision of assistance to ERW survivors, and*
- (2) Sharing experiences on implementing the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance, as adopted by the Second Conference, and identifying obstacles to providing effective support to ERW survivors.*

*All States parties and observers are encouraged, as follows:*

- Pursuant to Action #2 of the Plan of Action, to provide information with respect to their ERW victims and reply to the questions contained in part I of the Questionnaire either before or at the April meeting. This request is especially valid for those with responsibility for ERW survivors;*
- To share information on national experience, best practices and lessons learnt in implementing some or all of the actions included in the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance. States responsible for ERW survivors, are encouraged to provide details on national laws and policies, consultation mechanisms and needs assessment practices, in line with Action # 4. States contributing to victim assistance programs, are encouraged to share experiences on the most effective methods of delivering cooperation and assistance, in line with Action #3.*

*Pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 2 of Protocol V, this session will provide an opportunity to hear updates from States in need of assistance in implementing Protocol V and the Plan of Action, as well as from States in a position to provide such assistance.*

*More detailed information* *on the issues which will be considered during the discussion is contained in the letter by the Coordinator, dated 18 March 2009. The letter, as well as the text of the Plan of Action and the Questionnaire on victim assistance are available on the webpage of the 2009 Meeting of Experts under the CCW Protocol V website at <http://www.unog.ch/CCW/ProtocolV>.*

## UNIVERSALIZATION

*The Second Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V (10-11 November 2008) decided that in implementing the Plan of Action to Promote Universality of the Convention and its annexed Protocols as adopted by the Third Review Conference, the Meeting of experts should consider the issue of the universalization of Protocol V.*

- The States parties and relevant organizations are invited to share information on their efforts aimed at the universalization of the Protocol.*
- The observer States are invited to advise on their status of accession to CCW Protocol V, in particular on any possible obstacle still preventing them from doing so.*