AMENDED PROTOCOL II ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOoby-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES GROUP OF EXPERTS/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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TOP 5: Preparation for the 2016 CCW Review Conference

Germany would like to thank the Co-Coordinators for their valuable and comprehensive “Food-for-Thought-Paper” on the preparations for the 2016 CCW Review Conference. We very much welcome the idea of a Declaration or a Joint Statement by the High Contracting Parties of Amended Protocol II to take stock of the work done by the Group of Experts since 2009 and raise the awareness of the international community on global IED threats. We also agree with the proposal to send such a Declaration or Joint Statement to the UN Secretary-General through a letter from the High Contracting Parties to underscore the scourge of IEDs and their impact, and to urge the Secretary-General to open the way for further efforts on how the international community could address this problem comprehensively. Currently Germany is still looking at the different options on how the High Contracting Parties could continue to address this matter after the CCW Review Conference.