



# THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CCW) AND ITS PROTOCOLS IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

UNODA/EU common initiative for action

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## DAY ONE

**09:00** Registration

**09:30** Welcome and opening statements (Chair: UNODA)

- Representative of the European Council
- Representative of the EU Presidency (France)
- High Level Representative of the host country to open the seminar

**10:00** **SESSION I: An overview of the CCW and its Protocols**

- An overview of the Convention and its protocols. Humanitarian objectives, military perspective, structure, evolution, regional status (presentation: UNODA)
- Discussion

**11:15** Break

**11:30** **SESSION II: An overview of the CCW and its Protocols (cont.)**

- IHL and the CCW. Overview of major IHL rules such as the rules of distinction, proportionality in attack, prohibition of indiscriminate attacks, prohibition of the use of weapons that cause unnecessary suffering or superfluous injury (presentation: ICRC)
- Discussion

**12:45** Lunch

**14.30** **SESSION III: Implementing the Convention and its protocols. CCW and mine action**

- Implementing Protocol V: overview, challenges, plans, prospects (presentations: ICRC and UNODA)
- Update from participating States on their mine/ERW situation and on problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance in dealing with the problems caused by mines and ERW
- Discussion

**16:00** Break

**16.15** **SESSION IV: Implementing the Convention and its protocols. CCW and mine action (cont.)**

- Implementing Amended Protocol II: overview, challenges, plans, prospects (presentations: UNMAS)
- CCW and Mine Action (presentations: UNMAS)
- Updates from participating States on their mine/ERW situation and on mine action activities and/or programmes

- Discussion

17:45 Adjourn

18:30 Reception

## DAY TWO

### 09:30 SESSION V: Implementing the Convention and its protocols

- Compliance with the CCW and its Protocols: legal framework, goals, reporting, challenges (presentation: UNODA)
- An overview of key elements of national implementation (dissemination, training, legislation and regulations, reviewing the legality of new weapons) (presentation: ICRC)
- Updates from participating States parties on their accession to the CCW and its protocol, as well as on problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance in preparing national legislation, structures and practices
- Discussion

11:00 Break

### 11:15 Session VI: An overview of current CCW agenda

- The agendas of the annual conferences of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II and Protocol V (presentation: UNODA)
- The current agenda of the Meetings of the High Contracting Parties: Compliance and MOTAPM (presentation: UNODA)
- The current agenda of the Meetings of the High Contracting Parties: Cluster munitions (presentation: UNIDIR)
- Discussion

12:45 Lunch

### 14.30 Session VII: Towards universal adherence of the CCW

- The CCW Plan of Action and Sponsorship programme (presentation: UNODA)
- Accession to the CCW and its protocols: legal framework, procedure, ratification kit (presentation: ICRC)
- Updates from the States not parties on steps they are taking towards ratification of / accession to the Convention or problems in acceding to the Convention and its protocols.
- Input from relevant organizations on the assistance that they can provide.
- The benefits of joining CCW and its protocols (presentation: UNIDIR)
- The CCW website (presentation: UNODA)
- Discussion

16.00 Break

### 16.30 Session VIII: Other related issues

- CCW and other relevant treaties

### 17.00 Session IX: Wrap-up (executive summary) and closing remarks (Chair: UNODA)

17.30 Closure of the Seminar