Excellency

The Preparatory Committee of the Fifth CCW Review Conference will be convened in Geneva from 31 August to 2 September 2016. I believe it would be useful for States Parties to have an idea of the outline we will follow during Prepcom.

2. Following are some points that your delegation may like to keep in view in preparing for next week’s meetings:

- Initial, general exchange of views on the States Parties’ priorities for the Fifth Review Conference on 31 August 2016 is planned for the morning session.

- At the afternoon session (31 August 2016), States Parties may finalize the draft agenda, programme and work, and the rules of procedure of the Review Conference. The meeting may also finalize the nomination of all officers for the Review Conference.

- The remaining part of the afternoon session on 31 August 2016 will be devoted to a general exchange of views, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Matthew Rowland of the United Kingdom, on the issues covered by Main Committee-I. (Ambassador Rowland has already circulated a letter on 16 August 2016 laying out his plans for Main Committee-I). This session would be useful for identifying the key issues as well as new proposals for incorporation in the Final Documents of the Review Conference.

- The two sessions on 1 September 2016 will be primarily utilized for a first reading of the draft outcome documents, led by Ambassador Rowland, with the aim of clearing the draft text as far as possible. By completing most of the work of Main Committee-I during the PrepCom, the 5-day Review Conference in December will be able to focus on the issues that fall under Main Committee-II including LAWS.

- Also during the afternoon session of 1 September 2016, a briefing will be given by the Chief of UNOG Financial Resources Management Services regarding the post-Umoja financial constraints faced by the Secretariat. This will be followed by a discussion on how best to address the financial constraints.

1 Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed Protocols; and the consideration of any proposal for the Convention and its existing Protocols.
• At the morning session on 2 September 2016, the final report and recommendations agreed at the April 2016 Informal Meeting of Experts on LAWS will be presented by its Chairman (Ambassador Michael Biontino of Germany), followed by an initial exchange of views.

• States Parties will also be invited to share their views on any other issues that fall under the purview of Main Committee-II².

• The afternoon session on 2 September 2016 will address the question of summary records of CCW meetings.

• A factual report of the PrepCom will be adopted at the end of the meeting on 2 September 2016.

3. The work plan outlined above is indicative and flexible. As the PrepCom meeting proceeds, it will be adjusted according to the debate and progress on various issues identified in it.

4. Given the shortage of time, a time-limit of five minutes will be enforced for the general statements during the PrepCom as well as the Review Conference.

5. All delegations are encouraged to efficiently utilize the limited time available by actively participating in the meetings and focussing on operative issues for the Review Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The President
of the CCW Fifth Review Conference

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² Consideration of proposals for additional protocols to the Convention.