

**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
TO THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE CCW**

**14 November, Geneva**

Thank you Mr. President,

Allow me to congratulate you on the assumption of your duty as the President to the 4th Review Conference - I assure you of my delegation's full support in conducting our challenging work in the next 2 weeks.

We welcome the documents prepared for our work during the Conference, namely on the Universality of the CCW and its Protocols as well as on the Compliance Mechanism. Croatia is a state party to the CCW and all its existing Protocols and has been duly submitting its annual national compliance reports. Croatia has also submitted qualified CCW expert for the Pool of Experts on Compliance and is interested in exploring how we can make better use of the available expertise. My delegation spares no effort in encouraging states not yet parties to the CCW and all its protocols to join, as well as share its experience with all those who are, and submit their compliance reports as a crucial instrument of accountability and confidence building in this unique forum.

Regarding our work on the draft Protocol VI, Croatia has been constructively engaged in the work of the GGE. Allow me to thank one more time the Chairperson Mr. Domingo for his tireless and creative efforts in the past 2 years. We echo his conclusion that there was no consensus reached on the draft text of the Protocol VI, and we regret that fact. Croatia is not only the CCM state party but also a cluster munition affected state. As such, my delegation is ready to work constructively and tirelessly in order to **still strive for consensus in this forum** and stands ready to welcome new proposals that could bring us closer to this end, **while achieving the mandate of the GGE based on the current chair's text**. As my delegation have been repeatedly stating in this challenging process, as long as there is an effort to prohibit or restrict the use of CM in all its aspects, Croatia will remain fully engaged.

We look fwd to our future advancing in this direction during next days.  
Thank you Mr. President