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**Mr. President,**

Let me begin with congratulating you, Ambassador Ganev on your election as President of this Fourth Review Conference of the CCW. You can be assured of my delegation's full support over the next two weeks in order to achieve the aims and objectives of this conference.

Since its adoption, the CCW has gradually been strengthened through amendments to existing protocols as well as by adopting new ones. These improvements demonstrate the flexible nature of this framework convention which constantly allows the States Parties to match new military advancements and technologies with further appropriate measures and restrictions meant to assure that injuries of civilians or damages to their property are kept to a minimum possible level.

Romania constantly attaches great importance to the **key role the CCW** plays in solving the humanitarian concerns caused by certain conventional weapons. My country has ratified all the additional Protocols, participates actively in the convention progression and honestly implements all the obligations. My country acknowledges that the convention process has continually achieved new developments and is willing to continue the promoting of its further strengthening and universalization. We therefore welcome and support any mechanism to strengthen compliance with the Convention.

**Mr. President,**

Romania believes that **Protocol V** is addressing both the military demands and humanitarian concerns in a balanced way. It is a comprehensive and "implementable" international legal instrument on the issue of explosive remnants of war that is being weaved to protect the civilians from the effects of war, both during and after armed conflict and serves to reinforce the ever-growing awareness that the detritus of war must be cleaned up as soon as possible.

As a member of the family of the States Parties to the **Amended Protocol II** of the CCW Convention, Romania has always observed the norms of the international humanitarian law, in general, and particularly those of the Amended Protocol II. We consider this instrument a significant component of the CCW and, at the same time, as a complementary means to the Ottawa Convention in our common effort to reduce the human senseless suffering that results from using mines, booby-traps and other similar devices in armed conflict. Its important status has been widely acknowledged by the international community.



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**Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines** also cause humanitarian concerns. We must reduce the humanitarian suffering during and after armed conflict and improve conditions for the civilian population and for humanitarian deminers. We share the common objective to seek an appropriate solution to this issue and to make a real difference on the ground.

#### **Mr. President**

The **main issues** to be considered and concluded at this Review Conference are related to **cluster munitions**. This delegation maintains the view that an agreement with significant humanitarian benefits must include the major producers, users and stockpilers of cluster munitions, respecting our mandate to striking a balance between military and humanitarian considerations. **Our position remains in support of a Protocol on Cluster Munitions within the CCW** as it has a real added benefit. We strongly believe that this is the added value in the CCW process, the participation of a large cross section of states. We have discussed these issues for four years.

**It is now time to conclude a new Protocol** on the basis of the latest GGE Chair text. We consider it **a realistic background for exploring the possibilities of consensus**. Romania hopes that all participants will do their utmost for achieving this goal, keeping in mind that parallel processes do not need to overlap each other entirely and that the CCW is a different setting and exercise.

In concluding, Mr. President, let me reiterate that the Romanian delegation stands ready to work constructively under your leadership - towards a successful Review Conference.

**Thank you Mr. President**