

**MEETING OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CCW
Geneva, 16-18 November 2022**

**PRESIDENT OF PROTOCOL V
H.E. Mr. Ignacio SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES (Spain)**

Agenda item 14. Other matters

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to report to the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on the outcome of the Sixteenth Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V, which took place on 14 November.

As you may know, the Sixteenth Conference of Protocol V was unable to adopt a final report on its meeting. However, the Conference was able to agree *ad referendum* on several matters.

During its deliberations under agenda item 13, on the Adoption of the cost estimates for 2023, the Conference agreed to the estimated costs of the 2023 Meeting of Experts and Seventeenth Conference, contained in documents CCW/P.V/CONF/2022/3 and CCW/P.V/CONF/2022/4, respectively.

In addition, during the deliberations on agenda item 15, on Consideration and adoption of the final document, the Conference agreed on a paragraph of its draft final document whereby it decided that the 2023 Meeting of Experts will be for a duration of one day, at a date to be decided by the 2022 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention.

The Conference furthermore agreed on a paragraph of its draft final document in which it decided that the Meeting of Experts should especially focus on the following issues, at the discretion of the President-designate of the Seventeenth Conference:

- (a) Article 4 of the Protocol under the overall responsibility of the President-designate of the Seventeenth Conference;
- (b) National reporting under the overall responsibility of the President-designate of the Seventeenth Conference;
- (c) Victim assistance under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator on Victim Assistance;
- (d) Clearance of explosive remnants of war under the overall responsibility of the Coordinator on Clearance and Technical Assistance.

During the deliberations on agenda item 15, on Consideration and adoption of the final document, the Conference also approved *ad referendum* a paragraph of its draft final document whereby it decided to nominate Mr. Gordan Markotić, Ambassador, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, as President-designate of the Seventeenth Conference, and a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement and a representative of the Western European and Others Group as Vice-Presidents-designates.

Furthermore, the Conference approved a paragraph of its draft final document in which it approved the provisional agenda of its Seventeenth Conference, in 2023, as contained in Annex I to that draft final document.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.