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**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO DOCUMENT CCW/CONF.III/6 ENTITLED
“PLAN OF ACTION TO PROMOTE UNIVERSALITY OF THE
CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE
USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE
DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE
INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS”**

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1. Paragraph 9, action No. 6 should read:

Undertake all appropriate steps to prevent and suppress violations of the Convention and its annexed protocols, by persons or on territory under their jurisdiction or control, in accordance with the domestic law of each State party and the norms and principles of international law.

Comment: The aim is to establish a framework to govern the application of the measures set out in the Convention and protocols, in the context of full respect for the domestic law of each State party and the norms of international law.

2. Paragraph 9, action No. 7 should read:

Encourage and support involvement and active cooperation in these universalization efforts by all relevant partners, including the United Nations, other international institutions and regional organizations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Comment: Although it is understood that the universalization of multilateral agreements is essentially the responsibility of States, the need for cooperation from international agencies is recognized. Including non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and citizens in this paragraph would mean placing actors with different functions and responsibilities on an equal footing.

3. Paragraph 10 should read:

For achieving the above actions the States parties should undertake all appropriate measures within the framework of international law, which should include, inter alia:

Comment: The proposal is designed to place the measures applied by the high contracting parties in the context of international law.
