

the report of its proceedings would be presented to the second session of the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law where it would constitute an important item on the agenda of the ad hoc Committee on conventional weapons. It was also stressed, however, that since newly-presented facts had to be digested and further study and research was needed, it was unlikely that the ad hoc Committee would be able to adopt at its next session new treaty rules concerning the prohibition or restriction of the use of any conventional weapons. The Lucerne Conference finally recommended to the ad hoc Committee that a second Conference of Government Experts be convened in 1975, which would both receive and consider new information relevant to the subject matter contributed by the experts and would focus on such weapons as have been - or may become - the subject of proposed bans or restrictions of use, and to study the possibility, contents and form of such proposed bans or restrictions.

The ad hoc Committee on Conventional Weapons of the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law did consider the report of the Lucerne Conference of Government Experts and numerous proposals and working papers were submitted to the Committee by various delegations. After substantial discussions on the different categories of conventional weapons, there was broad agreement in the Committee on the need and modalities of another conference and it was decided to convene a second conference of Government Experts on Conventional Weapons in Lugano, Switzerland, from 20 January to 26 February 1976. Results of this second conference would be communicated to the third session of the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law which is scheduled to open in Geneva on April 21, 1976.