

**Annex 1: A Possible Verification Arrangement for the CCW Convention (for insertion into the Chair's Rolling Text)**

The following text establishes the framework for an evolving CCW verification regime. It also specifies the arrangements that would be operable during the first phase in the evolution of this regime.

Although the preceding discussion refers almost exclusively to monitoring compliance with those elements of the CCW Convention that pertain to the use of landmines, the following proposed amendment could be inserted into the Convention itself (rather than any specific Protocol); for there is no reason to suppose that its mechanisms would not allow for verification in connection with other regulated and/or prohibited weapons as well.

Alternatively, it could be inserted as an alternative text to Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Chair's Rolling Text.

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1. (a) Within [\_\_\_\_\_] after entry into force of this Article, the Depositary shall convene a meeting in New York of Parties bound by this Article, which shall designate [\_\_\_\_\_] of their number to serve as a Verification Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"). The Commission shall take all of its decisions by consensus if possible, but otherwise by a majority of members present and voting.
- (b) The members of the Commission shall serve for two-year periods and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (c) At the election, the High Contracting Parties shall ensure that the persons elected to the Commission individually possess the qualifications required and that, in the Commission as a whole, equitable geographical representation is assured.
- (d) Members of the Commission shall designate one on their number to act as Chairman. The Chairman will receive allegations of non-compliance.
- (e) Upon the request of the Chairman, the Commission will convene within a period of one week in order to clarify and resolve any questions relating to possible non-compliance with the provisions of this [Convention/Protocol]. Each High Contracting Party shall be entitled to ask the Chairman to convene the Commission. [The General Assembly of the United Nations shall also be entitled to ask the Chairman to convene the Commission.]