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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write to you in my capacity as President of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), to follow-up on my letter of 29th May regarding the preparatory process to the Review Conference.

As indicated by the Secretariat, there have been no objections to the silence procedure moving the date of the First Preparatory Meeting of the Second Review Conference to 29th June 2020. I would first like to thank you for your flexibility and I am looking forward to meeting with you at this date.

As explained during my informal virtual briefing on 8th June, the First Preparatory Meeting will be guided by the provisional agenda available on the UNODA website. It is my hope that we will be able to address swiftly the procedural matters that we need to attend to. Once this is completed, I intend to focus exchanges on point 5 of the agenda, and more specifically on point 5 b) as it is important that we move forward in the preparation of the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP).

To facilitate this discussion, you will find herewith Working Paper 4 containing possible elements for the LAP. I would like to kindly ask you to prepare short, synthetic and practical interventions for the First Preparatory Meeting. I would be grateful if you could focus on the questions raised in the document, and clearly indicate which elements you would like to amend or retain in the LAP, and which aspects may be missing.

If there is time, we will also start our work on the machinery and discuss questions related to the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention. You will find herewith Working Paper 5 containing elements to guide our discussions thereon.

All documents for the First Preparatory Meeting are, or will be shortly, available on the UNODA website (<https://tinyurl.com/ybtazdxf>), including an updated version of the Draft review.

I look forward to meeting with you on this occasion and continue our collaboration towards the Second Review Conference of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellencies, dear colleagues, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the Conference on Disarmament

Félix Baumann
Ambassador