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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 briefing of Friday 27 August, I am sending you enclosed with this letter, as announced, the Draft Provisional Annotated Programme of Work (Annex I) for Part 2 of the Review Conference to facilitate your preparation for this event.

As mentioned at the briefing, agenda item 7 *Reaffirming the determination to put an end to the suffering caused by cluster munitions* will start at the opening session of part 2 of the Second Review Conference with statements by a number of dignitaries representing the different stakeholders of the Convention, as per the usual practice. Item 7 will then be resumed at the start of the third session (16:00 CEST) on the first day of the Conference when all CCM stakeholders will have the opportunity to make their interventions under this agenda item. In view of the limited time at our disposal, statements will be strictly limited to a maximum of five minutes. A Speakers List will be opened in due time for this agenda item, and we would be grateful if you could inform the Secretariat (ccm@un.org) of the name of the speaker (especially if you intend to have a high-level speaker) and the modalities of the delivery of the statement (in-person or virtual), to allow for the necessary consideration of protocol in the establishment of the order of speakers.

The documents to be adopted at part 2 of the Second Review Conference are currently being finalized and will be shared with delegations in the week before the Conference.

I am also sharing with you the dates and times for the informal consultations on paragraph 8 of the Draft Lausanne Political Declaration, as well as enclosed with this letter the agenda for the first informal consultation (Annex II).

- Monday, 6 September, 13:00-15:00 CEST, Room XXI, Palais des Nations ;
- Monday, 13 September, 13:00-15:00 CEST, Room XXIV, Palais des Nations (if necessary);

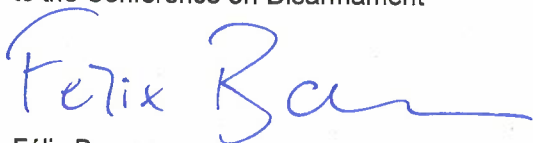
As announced during my briefing, the purpose of these consultations is to address the wording of paragraph 8 in the Draft Lausanne Political Declaration referring to the promotion of the norm, with a view to develop consensus on this paragraph. I will open the consultations with a presentation on the current status of the situation as well as on the different wordings adopted at past meetings of the Convention, for what purpose I am sharing with you a document enclosed with this letter (Annex III).

As per the usual practice, delegations are kindly requested to register for the meeting via the Indico system (link to be provided shortly).

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

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the Conference on Disarmament

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Felix Baumann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Félix Baumann
Ambassador