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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), in preparation of the second part of that meeting.

As you may recall, I indicated in my previous communication (on 8 March) that the next available dates with a suitable room at the Palais des Nations for the second part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Conference would be 2-3 June and that I would get back to you once I had more clarity about the possibility to hold a meeting on these dates.

The Swiss Federal Council has announced that it will reconsider its COVID-19 protective measures on 26 May. This could include a possible easing of restrictions and increase in the upper limits for in-person meetings, in view of improvement in the COVID-related health situation. Even if this were the case, this would unfortunately not give us enough time to organize the remainder of the Review Conference in early June as UN regulations require that conference services be contracted several weeks ahead of any reunion.

As a consequence, I am exploring alternative dates so that our meeting can be held as soon as possible. I will get back to you shortly with more information once the situation has become clearer regarding upper limits for in-person meetings and room availabilities.

I thank you again for your flexibility, your support and your engagement. As per usual, should you have any question, do not hesitate to contact my team at the following address: <a href="mailto:ccm2rc@eda.admin.ch">ccm2rc@eda.admin.ch</a>.

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament

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