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 15th January) that a room had been secured at the Palais des Nations for 29-30 March 2021 to hold our reunion, and that I would come back to you once I had more clarity.

At the moment, the Covid-19 situation remains complicated and meetings at the Palais are still limited to five persons. Even if we cannot exclude that new decisions might be taken before the end of the month, this would unfortunately not give us enough time to organise the Review Conference at the end of March.

Accordingly, we have to look for alternative dates for our meeting. I have been informed by the UN that a suitable room (due to their scarcity) would only next be available on 2-3 June. At this stage, I would ask you to save these dates. For my part, I will continue to follow the situation closely and do my utmost so that our meeting can be held as soon as possible. I will come back to you to seek your approval for a formal decision once the situation becomes clearer.

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: ccm2rc@eda.admin.ch.

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament

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