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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 the preparation of the Second Preparatory Meeting to be held at the Palais des Nations on 4th September 2020. Regarding the logistical aspects of this day, please refer to the communication sent by UNODA on 20th August 2020.

The Second Preparatory Meeting will be guided by the provisional agenda available on the UNODA website. I intend to focus exchanges in particular on point 5 of the agenda, and more specifically on point 5 b), as the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP) is a crucial document to move forward with our work under the Convention, and on point 5c), as we need to initiate our discussions on the renewal of our political commitment.

To facilitate this discussion, you will find all the documents for the Second Preparatory Meeting available on the UNODA website (https://tinyurl.com/y2ejftan). Working Paper 4 on the LAP and Working Paper 5 on Elements for a Political Declaration are already online. Additional working papers, notably on the machinery and on finances, will be available shortly. I would like to kindly ask you to prepare short, synthetic and practical interventions based on the available documents.

I also intend to take some time during the day to address logistical and administrative matters related to the Review Conference, as these aspects are also of crucial importance in these uncertain times.

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

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament

Félix Baumann Ambassador