Proposals submitted in writing under 'Preparations for Main Committee I' 

Belgium

Under Section I, new paragraph, for example, following paragraph 13:
"Their commitment to continue to provide to the extent possible assistance for the care and rehabilitation of victims in the framework of the Convention and its annexed Protocols."

Cuba

Alternative paragraph 4 on page 2 as follows:
"Their determination to encourage all States to become parties, as soon as possible, to the Convention and its annexed Protocols, and that all States respect and ensure respect for the substantive provisions of these Protocols."

Also, Cuba requests paragraph 4 to be deleted under the section on "Universalization".

France

As a preamble paragraph:
"Deeply concerned at the indiscriminate use and effects of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and at the increasing global impact of IED attacks worldwide, in particular through the perpetration of terrorist acts,"

"I - Solemnly declare" 

"Their acknowledgement of the important work done in the framework of the Amended Protocol II Group of Experts on IEDs, especially through the voluntary exchange of information, which contributed to raising awareness of the magnitude of the threat posed by IEDs, and their commitment to continue to address the problem of IEDs in the context of Amended Protocol II."

Germany

Section I, paragraph 11, 

"Their support for/commitment to further deliberations on an expert level on the issue of the consequences of weapons in populated areas such as:
  - Incendiary weapons
  - MOTAPM
  - And other explosive weapons"
Ireland

Possible Declaration Language on mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM)

"Solemnly declare
Their determination to minimize the humanitarian harm arising from the use of mines other than anti-personnel mines by ensuring full compliance with IHL during armed conflict by taking measures to enhance protection of civilians, such as locating long life mines only within perimeter marked areas and ensuring that the active life of mines does not exceed the duration of their intended military function, and to enhance post-conflict clearance operations by taking measures such as accurately recording mines laid and ensuring an appropriate level of detectability of mines."

Possible draft mandate on MOTAPM
"The 5th CCW Review Conference decides to convene a group of governmental experts, under the overall responsibility of the Chairperson-designate of the 2017 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention, to meet for up to 5 days in 2017 to discuss further the implementation of international humanitarian law with regard to mines other than anti-personnel mines, and to submit a report to the 2017 Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention."

Switzerland

Preamble paragraph under Section I
"Acknowledging the importance of monitoring and assessing the developments in the field of science and technology relevant to the Convention and anticipating challenges arising thereof with a view to ensuring the continued relevance, integrity and adequacy of the Convention."

Operational paragraph under Section II (ideally a decision)
"Decide to hold an informal meeting in 2017 to consider how developments in the field of science and technology relevant to the Convention may be addressed under the Convention."

Suggested text for Protocol III
1. The Conference notes the provisions of this Protocol
2. The Conference notes the concerns raised by a number of High Contracting Parties over the growing number of reports of use of incendiary weapons against civilians.
3. The Conference calls on all parties to armed conflicts to respect relevant rules of international humanitarian law, including the provisions of Protocol III where applicable.
4. The Conference notes the calls by a number of High Contracting Parties for discussion whether Protocol III adequately protects civilians and combatants from the severe consequences of weapons with incendiary effects.