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The Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) is pleased to invite you to the **8th session of the Geneva Disarmament Conversation Series (GDCS)**, which will take place **on 27 May from 13:00 to 15:00 in Room V**. The event will be <u>in-person only</u>.

Several legal frameworks exist in relation to the protection of the environment in armed conflict (PERAC), including the UN International Law Commission Principles on PERAC and the International Committee of the Red Cross updated Guidelines for Military Manuals and Instructions on PERAC. In addition, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and some of its Protocols contain important provisions that contribute towards protection of the environment during and after armed conflict.

Action 6 of the New Agenda for Peace (NAfP) recommends States to address the interlinkages between climate, peace and security. With its focus on human-centered disarmament and its recommendation to reduce the human cost of weapons (Action 7), the NAfP also offers the opportunity to address the environmental impact of weapons on affected communities.

During this session, the findings of the study on "Protection of the environment in the context of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and its Protocols" will be presented. Participants will be invited to explore how the weapons covered by the CCW, including mines, improvised explosive devices and explosive remnants of war, impact the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to the environment, and to discuss efforts of the international community in overcoming these challenges.

To participate in the event, please register at the following <u>link</u>.