

Statement by Brazil

Cluster 3 – Conventional weapons

Mr. Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and would like to add a few points in our national capacity.

The discussions under this cluster remain crucial to international peace and security. Conventional weapons are responsible for the vast majority of civilian casualties in contemporary conflicts. Their impact extends far beyond the battlefield — undermining development, displacing communities, and fueling instability.

Brazil welcomes the progress achieved on the treatment of conventional ammunition management under the UN. The preparatory meeting of States on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management, held last June, marked an important step toward the institutionalization of this topic, as well as the implementation of the GFA. We

perceive a growing recognition that safe and secure ammunition stockpiles, as well as a set of standards for marking and tracing, are essential to preventing diversion and reducing armed violence.

Brazil sees this process as a practical and forward-looking contribution to both disarmament and sustainable development. We encourage all Member States to engage constructively in the lead-up to the 2027 meeting of States, ensuring that the framework is implementable for all.

Mr. Chair,

Brazil attaches great importance to the work of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, held under the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW). The rapid advances in artificial intelligence applied to the military domain make this issue ever more urgent.

For Brazil, the guiding principle must remain clear: the use of force must always be subject to meaningful human control and oversight. Accountability for decisions involving life and death cannot be delegated to algorithms. As we contemplate the contributions of the Chair and the Friends of the Chair of the LAWS GGE, we are convinced that the existing rolling text provides a sufficient basis to fulfil the group's mandate and initiate negotiations for an instrument on the issue. This understanding was supported by nearly forty High Contracting Parties to the CCW in a joint statement delivered at the latest session of the GGE, last month.

In this regard, we invite delegations to support this year's draft resolution on LAWS and to continue to engage constructively in the ongoing work of the CCW GGE, in order to ensure a successful conclusion of its mandate next year.

Mr. Chair,

We are concerned with the signs of erosion of the legal norm enshrined in the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention.

Brazil recalls the need to uphold the existing legal framework on conventional weapons and remains committed to advancing effective multilateral action in this area — with a view to enhancing transparency, strengthening international peace and security, and upholding International Humanitarian Law.

Thank you