



KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

327 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10022
TEL: (212) 336-0777 FAX: (212) 759-7672



Please check against delivery

Statement by

Mr. Soksamnang Nov

First Secretary

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations

At the First Committee

Thematic Discussion: Conventional Weapons

Eightieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Conference Room 4
New York, 24 October 2025

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. Cambodia aligns itself with the statements of ASEAN and the Non-Aligned Movement. I would now like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.
4. The effective functioning of the conventional arms control regime is crucial for maintaining peace and security at both international and regional levels. Yet, global security faces serious challenges, including strategic instability, the weakening of existing arms control mechanisms, rising military expenditures, and the weaponization of emerging domains. In this context, Cambodia wishes to highlight few points that reflect Cambodia's position.
5. **First:** Cambodia remains fully committed to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Last year, we successfully hosted the Fifth Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention in Siem Reap, which concluded with the adoption of **the Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan**, that reaffirms collective roadmap of States Parties to accelerate mine clearance, strengthen victim assistance, and ensure that no one is left behind in our shared journey toward a mine-free world.
6. This year, Cambodia, Japan, and Zambia, has submitted the draft resolution on the implementation of the **Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention** and call for your strong support to promote its full and effective implementation.
7. In the context of the Convention of Cluster Munition (CCM), Cambodia is deeply concerned that the ongoing use of cluster munition remains a

serious humanitarian concern. These weapons continued to be used in certain conflict, causing long term risk and devastating harm to communities and civilians.

8. **Second:** Cambodia also emphasize the urgent need for international cooperation to stop the illegal trade in **small arms and light weapons (SALW)**, which drives conflicts and instability around the world. Cambodia **advocates for the full implementation of the UN Program of Action (PoA)** and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI). Cambodia calls on states to continue working on implementing the recommendations of the consensual final document of the 4th Review Conference.
9. **Third:** Cambodia underscores the importance of ensuring the responsible transfer of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), given their ability to operate without direct human control. In this regard, Cambodia expresses its appreciation for the active engagement of the GGE on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems. Cambodia reaffirms its commitment to actively support the work of the GGE and calls upon all members to continue working towards the full implementation of its mandate.
10. In conclusion, Cambodia attaches great importance on promoting human security and reducing the humanitarian impact of conventional weapons, and Cambodia will continue to work closely with all partners to strengthen existing instruments, promote responsible behavior in emerging technologies, and support initiatives that prevent illicit arms flows.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.