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SUBJECT: **Open-ended working group on conventional ammunition**

The United Nations Secretariat presents its compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution [76/233](#) entitled “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”, adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2021.

By operative paragraphs 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“17. Decides to establish an open-ended working group to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management, including international cooperation and assistance, without prejudice to national legal systems addressing national ammunition ownership, possession and use, and will be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, building upon and complementing existing frameworks, whereas cooperation at the regional and subregional levels should be considered on a voluntary basis;

18. Also decides that the open-ended working group shall take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts established pursuant to resolution [72/55](#) and the views of all participating States and be informed by the series of informal consultations convened within the framework of its resolution [72/55](#) throughout 2018 and 2019, the informal paper presented by Germany on the informal consultative process and the inputs, both written and oral, received from Member States on the same matter;

19. Further decides that the open-ended working group shall convene for two 5-day sessions in New York in 2022 and for one 5-day session in Geneva in 2023, preceded by informal consultations as required, within available time frames and with the contribution of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, and shall hold a two-day organizational session in advance of the first meeting;

20. Decides that the open-ended working group shall submit a report on its work, including recommendations on a set of political commitments as a new global framework on conventional ammunition, to the General Assembly at its seventy eighth session;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the support necessary to convene the sessions of the open-ended working group.”

Against this background, the United Nations Secretariat has the honour to inform that the organisational session of the open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/233](#) to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management is scheduled for 7 and 8 February 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York and to invite all United Nations Member States and Observers to participate in it.

Further information on the arrangements for the open-ended working group will be communicated to the Permanent Missions by the Secretariat in due course. All information will be available at <https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/oewg-conamm-2022/>.

The United Nations Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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