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Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 76/233, entitled “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”, adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2021, which decided 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.

As informed in a note verbale from the Secretariat to Member States dated 10 January 2022, the Secretariat has received an expression of interest by Germany to serve as Chair of the open-ended working group. No further expressions of interest from Member States have been received.

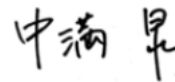
I have the honour to inform you that Germany has presented the candidature of **Mr. Albrecht von Wittke, Head of Division for Conventional Disarmament, Arms Control and Confidence and Security Building Measures Worldwide as well as Preventive Arms Control in the Directorate-General for International Order, the United Nations and Arms Control at the German Federal Foreign Office**, for the position of Chair-Designate of the open-ended working group on conventional ammunition. A CV of the candidate is attached.

The official election of the Chair of the open-ended working group shall be carried out during its organizational session.

Given the current pandemic restrictions on the organization of in-person meetings at headquarters, I would like to seek your endorsement, via a silence procedure, to ensure an early and effective preparatory process.

I therefore wish to inform that delegations will have until **Monday, 24 January 2022, 6pm (EDT)** to raise any objections to the above-proposed candidature and may do so by emailing conventionalarms-unoda@un.org. If no objection is raised within this time period, I will consider the proposal agreed.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Under-Secretary-General
High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

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