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Excellency,

I wish to inform delegations that no objections were received following my letter to Member States on 20 January 2022, seeking endorsement 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 as chair-designate 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.

The official election of the Chair of the open-ended working group shall be carried out during the organizational session to be convened on 7 and 8 February 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. von Wittke on his endorsement as chair-designate of the open-ended working group on conventional ammunition and wish him all the best with the preparations of the work of the Group.

My Office stands ready to support the chair-designate and all Member States to ensure an effective preparatory process and successful deliberations of the Group. All relevant information will be made available on the website https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/oewg-conamm-2022/.

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

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