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Excellency,

I have the honour of writing to you in my capacity as Chair-Designate of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), 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.

I would like to express my gratitude for the views and positions expressed by delegations during previous virtual informal consultations. Based on our exchanges, I would like to make the below proposal on the **rules of procedure** to govern the work of the OEWG for consideration by delegations.

In accordance with rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, “[t]he rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise”.

The Open-Ended Working Group may wish to decide to apply mutatis mutandis the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects held in 2001, as contained in document [A/CONF.192/16](#).

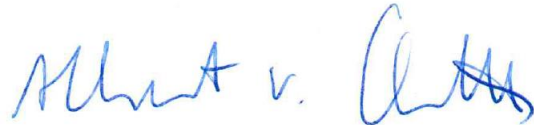
This set of rules of procedure has been applied mutatis mutandis to Biennial Meetings of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the corresponding Review Conferences. It also includes rules on decision making (Chapter VII.) and participation (Chapter XI.)

In conjunction with a decision to apply *mutatis mutandis* this set of rules of procedure, I propose that the Open-Ended Working Group adopts a decision altering rule 63 d) to allow representatives of non-governmental organizations to speak at the open meetings of the Open-Ended Working Group.

In order to continue our discussion on these organizational matters, I would like to invite delegations to the next **virtual informal consultation** on Friday, 4 February 2022 at 10.00am (New York time) to further exchange views on the organization of work of the Group. A logistical note is enclosed.

Please also note that I now have a dedicated e-mail address in my capacity as Chair-Designate of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG): [chair-oewg-ammunition@diplo.de](mailto:chair-oewg-ammunition@diplo.de), which you may want to use to communicate with me in written form. Please always consider putting the secretariat of the OEWG in cc ([conventionalarms-unoda@un.org](mailto:conventionalarms-unoda@un.org)).

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



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*Enclosure:*

- Annex A – Logistical Note for virtual informal consultation on 4 February at 10.00am (New York time)