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## Excellency,

I have the honour of writing to you in my capacity as Chair 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 invite delegations to a virtual informal consultation which will be held on Tuesday, 27 September 2022, 09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. (New York time) which will focus on the outcome of the second substantive session held in Geneva from 15 to 19 August this year and follow-up plans in the lead up to the third substantive session in February 2023 in New York. The consultation will be held virtually and a technical note and a link to the meeting are being circulated with this letter.

I am firmly committed and determined to realize with your support a successful outcome to this OEWG, if possible at the third substantive session scheduled to take place in February 2023. I am, however, mindful of the hard work that lies ahead and would like to hear delegations' views on possible contingency options, including the possibility of a fourth substantive session in late spring / early summer 2023.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those delegations that have already provided written inputs to the draft elements paper. As informed by the Secretariat, I welcome additional written inputs to be submitted by the extended deadline of 30 September 2022. These should be sent to conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

I also continue to be available for bilateral consultation requests. In this regard, please be informed that I will be available for in-person meetings in New York from 19 to 21 October in the margins of the First Committee of the 77<sup>th</sup> UNGA. If you would like a bilateral meeting, please contact the Secretariat at <a href="mailto:conventionalarms-unoda@un.org">conventionalarms-unoda@un.org</a>.

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

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Chair

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**Conventional Ammunition** 

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