



**Statement delivered by Minister-Counsellor Shigeru UMETSU of
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Mr. Chair,

I appreciate your efforts as Chair, and of your team, in organizing the second substantive session of the open-ended working group (OEWG) on conventional ammunition. Japan recognizes that the draft elements are comprehensive and will provide a good basis for further discussions. We also recognize the importance of efforts to improve safety and security throughout the entire life cycle of ammunition.

The international community has now reaffirmed the importance of universality in arms control and disarmament efforts. The outcomes of this OEWG should be universally committed and accepted by many countries. We look forward to constructive discussions.

Japan will support the Chair and contribute to the discussions for the success of this working group in order to improve safety and security through the promotion of through-life ammunition management.

I thank you Mr. Chair