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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.

Revised draft substantive outcome document

In preparation of the fourth substantive session of the OEWG, I am pleased to circulate, attached to this letter, the revised draft substantive outcome document issued as Conference Room Paper A/CONF.239/2023/CRP.1/Rev.2. This document will also be made available in PDF format on the OEWG website at: <https://meetings.unoda.org/oweg-ammo/open-ended-working-group-on-ammunition-2022>. For ease of reference, a version with track changes is also attached to this letter.

CRP.1/Rev.2 reflects the compromises reached during our plenary debates and discussions on the level of commitment facilitated by the Vice Chairperson, as well as during bilateral and small group consultations held during the third substantive session. It also considers contributions and statements made, as well as written inputs received during the same session. In addition, the draft incorporates the outcome of consultations held during

the inter-sessional period with delegations that expressed a specific interest in issues that required additional attention.

I have only integrated alterations of the text into the revised draft that, from my Chair's perspective, could bring us closer to the consensus that we all are seeking to achieve. I encourage delegations to approach it with a spirit of flexibility, good will, collaboration, and the necessary willingness to compromise and to look at the issue not just from a purely national angle, but to also consider the relevance of a meaningful Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management for saving lives worldwide.

Informal consultations

As announced in my letter of 13 March 2023, I invite you to a series of informal consultations to exchange on the revised draft substantive outcome document ahead of the fourth substantive session. The first round of informal consultations will be held virtually on **Monday, 22 May 2023, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. (New York Time)**. The objective of this consultation is to offer explanations by the Chair on the revised draft substantive outcome document and to provide delegations an opportunity to informally give overall feedback regarding the revised draft before the fourth substantive session. It is not meant as a virtual drafting session. The participation of capital experts in those consultations, made possible through the virtual format, is very much encouraged. A technical note and a link to the meeting is circulated alongside this letter.

Additional informal consultations will be held in-person at United Nations Headquarters in New York during the week prior to the fourth substantive session. I am pleased to provide herewith the timeline for these in-person meetings:

- Wednesday, 31 May 2023, 1.00 – 2.30, Conference Room 1
- Thursday, 1 June 2023, 1.00 – 2.30, Conference Room 1
- Friday, 2 June 2023, 1.00 – 2.30, Conference Room 3

Organizational matters

The fourth substantive session of the open-ended working group will be held from 5 to 9 June in Conference Room 2 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Please note that the Secretariat circulated a **logistical note** for this session ([A/CONF.239/2023/INF/4](#)). All open, formal meetings will be webcasted via UN TV.

In accordance with our rules of procedure, a dedicated informal meeting is scheduled in the morning of Thursday, 8 June for statements by international and regional organizations, followed by non-governmental organizations and civil society. This segment will be held in a hybrid format, providing the opportunity for organizations to deliver their statements remotely and in-person.

Bilateral consultations

I will be happy to receive bilateral consultation requests. In this regard, please be informed that I will be available for in-person meetings in **New York from Wednesday, 31 May**, the week prior to the opening of the fourth substantive session. If you would like a bilateral meeting, please contact the Secretariat at conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

I look forward to seeing you in our virtual consultations and then in New York and continuing our substantive deliberations.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Albrecht v. Wittke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albrecht von Wittke
Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on
Conventional Ammunition

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