Event on the Side of the Third Session of the OEWG on Conventional Ammunition

*Strengthening Regional Sustainability in Ammunition Management: Perspectives from the CARICOM region*

Thursday 16th February 2023  
1.15 pm – 2.30 pm  
Conference Room B – UNHQ, New York

The successful design and effective implementation of an ammunition management framework is dependent on strong national ownership, trust and cooperation between and among states. Regional organisations play a critical role in fostering this trust, partnership and exchange of best practices between states, providing both leadership and coordination with relevant global and national actors and other stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations, practitioners, experts and the civil society. This gives them an essential role in shaping the progress of the Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition and, ultimately, ensuring its efficient and sustainable realisation.

Regional organisations such as CARICOM IMPACS link the national reality to the global level. They have unique insights into local contexts and the authority, legitimacy and opportunity to promote the views and needs of different stakeholders, ranging from communities, and civil society, to their Member States across the Caribbean.

By representing these important perspectives, the experience, unique insights and expertise of regional organisations can ensure that any future framework is responsive to the most urgent needs, including those of groups that are historically under-represented in SALW and ammunition control. The experience and expertise within CARICOM IMPACS and other organisations ensure that localised and contextually appropriate interventions are coherent with the spirit of political commitments made under the nascent ammunition framework.

In this side event, representative of CARICOM IMPACS, together with representatives from CARICOM Member States and civil society, will share their experience, lessons learned, and perspectives on ammunition management and broader disarmament, with the aim of informing the OEWG process and providing key recommendations.

**Panellists**
- H.E. Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations.
- Mr Callixtus Joseph, CARICOM IMPACS.
- Ms Folade Mutota, Coordinator, Caribbean Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence (CDRAV)

**Chair**
- Ms Josephine Dresner, Director of Policy and Partnerships, MAG.