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REFERENCE : ODA-2022-00012/OEWG-NGOs

SUBJECT: RES 76/233 “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”;

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 76/233 entitled “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”, adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2021.

By operative paragraph 17 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“*Decides to establish an open-ended working group to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management, including international cooperation and assistance, without prejudice to national legal systems addressing national ammunition ownership, possession and use, and will be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, building upon and complementing existing frameworks, whereas cooperation at the regional and subregional levels should be considered on a voluntary basis*”.

Agreement has been reached 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, to the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition. Accordingly, rule 63 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations will be applied taking into account the following understandings:

Modalities regarding the application of rule 63 concerning non-governmental organizations for the purposes of the Open-Ended Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/233:

- 1. All open formal sessions of the OEWG will be broadcasted through the UN Web TV.*
- 2. Observers. NGOs with ECOSOC Consultative Status are granted an observer status in the OEWG open sessions. According to rule 63 b, other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and purpose of the OEWG can submit a written accreditation request with information on the organization’s purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the group. The Chair will subsequently provide Member States, through the Secretariat, with a list of relevant NGOs for consideration on a no-objection basis.*
- 3. To achieve meaningful participation of accredited NGOs, a half-day dedicated informal meeting with NGOs will be convened during the timeframe of the first substantive session. At the discretion of the Chair, one additional informal meeting with accredited NGOs could be convened in each of the subsequent sessions of the OEWG, if needed.*
- 4. Accredited NGOs are invited to make written contributions to be published on the OEWG website.*
- 5. In addition, the Chair may decide to convene informal meetings with accredited NGOs during the intersessional period as needed.*

In addition, in accordance with past practice at his discretion, the Chair may wish to invite briefers on subject matters directly relevant to the mandate of the OEWG to present their views to the Group. These briefings will be conducted in an informal setting.



Detailed requests for accreditation received from NGOs without ECOSOC status interested in attending the open meetings of the Open-ended Working Group are available at <https://bit.ly/conamm22> for the consideration of the Governments of the Permanent Missions on a no-objection basis. **Those organizations subject to approval are also listed in Annex A of the present document;** Annex B, which is for information use only, lists those organizations already accredited to the Open-ended Working Group.

The Secretariat will consider that the requests for accreditation of NGOs listed in Annex A and the above-mentioned website are approved unless communication to the contrary is submitted via Note Verbale to UNODA (Ms. Diane Barnes, diane.barnes@un.org) before 5 p.m. on Thursday, 28 April 2022.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations for their support and to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

13 April 2022



**Open-ended Working Group to elaborate
a set of political commitments as a new
global framework that will address existing
gaps in through-life ammunition management**

Substantive sessions

New York, 23 May to 27 May 2022

Geneva, 15 to 19 August 2022 (tentative)

New York, 13 to 17 February 2023

**Annex A: List of non-governmental organizations seeking
accreditation to the Open-ended Working Group**

1. Asociación para Políticas Publicas (APP)
2. Association des femmes pour les initiatives de paix (AFIP)
3. Bolivian Women's Efforts
4. Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)
5. Compliance and Capacity Skills International – United Kingdom (CCSI-UK)
6. Control Arms
7. Federazione Aziende Italiane per l'Aerospazio
8. Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano
9. Gender Equality Network for Small Arms Control (GENSAC)
10. Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) – Ammunition Management Advisory Team
11. Global Institute for Women's Empowerment Group (GIWE GROUP)
12. Institut Safer Africa
13. Keen and Care Initiative (KCI)
14. Minority and Indigenous Rights Group of Zimbabwe (MIRIGROZ)
15. Red Nacional de Iniciativas Ciudadanas por la Paz y contra la Guerra (REDEPAZ)
16. Réseau d'Actions Paisibles des Anciens Combattants pour le Développement Intégré de tous au Burundi (RAPACODIBU)
17. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
18. Tech 4 Tracing
19. West African Action Network on Small Arms, Nigeria Chapter (WAANSA Nigeria)
20. WILPF Cameroon
21. Youth Program for the Development of Africa (YPDA ONG)



Annex B: List of participating non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Consultative Status (for information purposes only)

1. Africa Youths International Development Foundation (AFYIDEF)
2. Association des Fabricants européens de Munitions de Sport (AFEMS)
3. Associazione Nazionale Produttori Armi e Munizioni Sportive e Civili (ANPAM)
4. Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP)
5. Canada's National Firearms Association (NFA)
6. Conflict Armament Research (CAR)
7. Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement
8. International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation
9. Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association
10. Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
11. National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action
12. National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
13. Saferworld
14. Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc. (SAAMI)
15. The HALO Trust
16. Vision GRAM – International
17. World Forum on Shooting Activities