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OEWG ON CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and my own country, Colombia.

First of all, we express our appreciation for your leadership and efforts, as well as our appreciation to your team and the Secretariat for your dedicated work.

We thank the submission of the revised Draft substantive Outcome Document, and the convening of the series of informal consultations prior to this fourth session of the OEWG.

Mr. Chairman,

We attach great importance to agreeing on a set of political commitments as a new Global Framework that address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management and be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure, and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional, and global levels.

In this regard, and to entirely fulfill the mandate of Resolution 76/233, we consider fundamental the explicit reference to all types of conventional ammunition, from small-caliber ammunition to the largest conventional ammunition, and its entire life cycle, in accordance with the objective of addressing the conventional ammunition in a comprehensive manner. Therefore, we fully support the language of paragraphs 1 and 10 of the revised Draft Document and highlight that it should be an essential part of the outcome Document of this Open-ended Working Group.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.