

The Arab Group concluding remarks during the final session of the OEWG
pursuant to resolution 76/233,

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, the Arab Group would like to express its appreciation to you Mr. Chair and your team as well as the secretariat for the tremendous efforts made throughout the work of this group, we also express our gratitude to Member States for showing the spirit of cooperation and political will, in order to reach a concrete final document, recognizing the voluntary nature of the whole document and all objectives and measures listed.

The Arab Group exercised the maximum level of flexibility throughout the negotiations process, and therefore accepted the outcome document, although we still have legitimate concerns regarding different parts of the documents, including:

- 1- The text of the global frame work was supposed to be concise and precise, in order to ensure focused and effective implementation of the global frame work by all states.
- 2- The extension of the scope of the global Frame Work to reflect different calibers of ammunitions, was not outlined in the establishing resolution76/233.
- 3- All measures outlined in objective 8, should not in any case, hamper the legitimate right of states to acquire conventional ammunitions, in line with their legitimate defense and security requirements.
- 4- The Arab Group accepted the inclusion of the Annex based on the understanding that its not an essential component of the Frame work, and does not reflect any additional implementable measures.

Finally, we encourage all states to be guided in our future work, by a gradual and rationale approach, when discussing and developing, if needed the global framework, and to strengthen points of agreements, that contributes to further strengthening the international, regional, and bilateral cooperation between states, including the unconditional provision of related technical knowledge and expertise.

Again I thank you Mr. Chair.