Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition

Fourth Substantive Session

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Mr. Chairperson,

As we are about to begin our last formal session of the OEWG on A Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management, please allow us to express our full confidence, appreciation and support for your leadership.

Israel wishes to highlight the significant progress that has been made during the previous formal session on February 2023. The OEWG sessions thus far have helped us to promote a greater understanding of the various aspects of Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management.

We note that while there seems to be a wide agreement on certain notions, it is important to acknowledge that there are still issues where differences of opinion exist and reaching a convergence of views may prove to be yet an arduous task.

Israel considers the Chair's draft proposal to be a very good basis for discussion and we are looking forward to conducting a constructive session that will hopefully lead into a substantive outcome.

Mr. Chairperson,

Please allow me to convey our appreciation for your relentless efforts and wish us all a productive and successful week