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Ammunition
13 to 17 February 2023**

**Revised Zero Draft Structure for the Global Framework on Through-Life
Ammunition Management**

**Agenda Item: Objectives 1 to 4
14 February 2023**

Mr. Chair, on Objectives 1 to 4, the Philippines would like to support in particular, Objectives 1, 2 and 4.

On Objective 1, the Philippines joins others in promoting the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) as an effective tool to support the safe and secure management of conventional ammunition stockpiles. It's important to sustain efforts to encourage effective implementation of these guidelines.

On Objective 2, the Philippines stresses that international cooperation and assistance is crucial especially in bridging the gaps between the developed and developing states in terms of effective conventional ammunition management. We therefore welcome Section IV of this global framework which focuses on this specific issue. We also stress that national ownership, needs-driven and tailored assistance are some of the important elements to consider to effectively implement international cooperation and assistance.

Objective 2 is also crucial in the attainment of Objective 4 where capacity-building and various training courses would place a vital role in the sustainable development of capabilities of national authorities in through-life ammunition management.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.