



PHILIPPINES

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

**Agenda Item: Objectives 8 to 15
15 February 2023**

Thank you Mr. Chair.

We wish to take this opportunity to join the voice of many others before us-

We can support Argentina's addition to objective 8 (a)(1) - "including a gender-based violence prevention perspective."

We can also support OB(b) (ii) new (g) "Consider Gender Based Violence and the differentiated impacts of diverted ammunition on women, men, girls and boys"

Objective 8 (iv) we see the value of preventing illicit transfer and diversion to NSA. However, we also recognize the possible inconsistency of denying exports in high-risk areas and then conducting responsible transfers in conflict areas. Unless we are making a distinction between "transfers by exports" and "local transfers", the current first sentence would appear inconsistent with the last sentence as proposed by China.

On Objective 13, we can support in principle the proposal of Japan that enforcement of these measures may not be limited to the customs and "competent authority" would be more encompassing and responsive to our likely diverse needs and enforcement regimes.

Mr. Chair, the Philippines would like to support Objectives 14 and also support the retention of measure (a)(v) under Objective 13, but perhaps to accommodate calls for its deletion, delegations may consider moving 13(a) (v) under additional measures. The PH is flexible on this. We are just raising the idea in the spirit of compromise.

The Philippines advocates for the mainstreaming of gender perspectives in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control processes, including in the through-life conventional ammunition management. The Philippines has promulgated laws and policies at the national level, including the National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security to ensure the expansion of women's role in the various spaces for peace and security and to continue the best practice of women's presence in formal peace negotiations as well as in other informal spaces (e.g., civil society and grassroots participation).

Many UN resolutions on peace and security have also recognized the need for the full, effective, and meaningful participation of women so we think that it is only appropriate, while not a priority to some, to reflect these developments in our forward-looking conventional ammunition norm-building.

Mr. Chair, the Philippines would like to support Objectives 15.

We are flexible on the addition of "relevant" as suggested by Ghana.

On Objective 15, the Philippines also recognizes the advantages of fostering cooperation with civil society, academia, think-tanks, and other relevant industries to support in addressing the challenges we face posed by the diversion of conventional ammunition.

Like Guatemala, this is an important objective for us. We would like to echo support to Mexico's and South Africa's improvements to Objective 15 a(i) (ii) and b(ii) respectively. We can also positively consider the Swiss proposal to b(i).

Thank you, Mr. Chair.