Group of governmental experts on the continuing operation and relevance of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and its further development

Pre-session briefing

Monday 21 February and Tuesday 22 February 2022

Background

By resolution 74/53 entitled “Transparency in armaments”, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts (GGE) to be convened for a week each at the end of 2021 and at the beginning and in the middle of 2022 within existing resources, to prepare a report on the continuing operation and relevance of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) and its further development, with a view to taking a decision at its seventy-seventh session. Responding to this request, the GGE will meet for three one-week sessions in March, May and June 2022.

In preparation for the first substantive session in March, a pre-session briefing will be organized on 21 and 22 February 2022. The purpose of this briefing is to share with the members of the GGE information on the current status, past discussions on UNROCA and possible expected outcome of the 2022 edition.

Date and time

The same pre-session briefing will be held twice on 21 and 22 February 2022 to accommodate different time zones. Members of the GGE are invited to participate in either session.

- Monday 21 February 2022, 10:00-12:00 (EST/GMT-5)
- Tuesday 22 February 2022, 10:00-12:00 (GMT+5)

Agenda

10:00-10:05 Welcome and introduction
Mr. Ivor Fung, Secretary of the GGE

10:05-10:50 Briefing on the current status and past discussions on UNROCA
Moderator: Mr. Paul Holtom, UN Institute for Disarmament Research

10:50-11:00 Short break

11:00-12:00 Brainstorm and discussions on strategic orientation of the GGE
Moderator: Mr. Ivor Fung, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

Logistics

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     [e.g. UNODA - Jane Public]
     
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**Language**

Pre-session briefing will be conducted without interpretation.

**Conduct**

*Requesting the floor*
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(Please lower your hand after you have taken the floor.)

*The mute button*

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**MS Teams Functionalities**

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