Excellency,

I have the honour of writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/233, to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management.

On the basis of the provisional adoption of the rules of procedure of the OEWG, as informed in my letter to Member States on 15 March 2022, I am pleased to share, hereto attached, a draft revised provisional programme of work for the first substantive session which reflects the dedicated informal meeting with NGOs.

In preparation of the first substantive session, I would like to invite delegations to the next informal consultations on Thursday, 28 April 2022, 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. (New York time). The objective of the meeting is to exchange views on the revised provisional programme of work as well as to outline my plans with regards to subject matter briefings during the first substantive session. These informal consultations will be held virtually and a technical note and a link to the meeting are circulated alongside this letter.

To facilitate substantive preparations, I would like to share with delegations the enclosed list of relevant reference documents and materials which may be useful for our deliberations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to draw delegations’ attention to a webinar organized in two sessions by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) to support substantive preparations for the OEWG which will be held on 20 and 21 April 2022 at 9.00 a.m. -10.30 a.m. (New York time). While the webinar is not an official part of the OEWG work, participation may prove useful in preparing for the OEWG sessions ahead. Interested delegations can register on the website of the event (https://unidir.org/events/preparing-open-ended-working-group-conventional-ammunition).
I look forward to working with you all. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Albrecht von Wittke
Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on
Conventional Ammunition

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Relevant reference documents and materials for the OEWG established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/233

Website of the 2020/21 Group of Governmental Experts on Problems Arising from the Accumulation of Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles in Surplus established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/55 (GGE PACAS)

GGE PACAS - Final Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Problems Arising from the Accumulation of Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles in Surplus
https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2F76%2F324&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False

GGE PACAS - Issue of conventional ammunition under United Nations Auspices
https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=GGE/PACAS/2020/2&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False

GGE PACAS - Existing frameworks applicable to conventional ammunition
https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=GGE/PACAS/2020/4&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False

GGE PACAS - Diversion typology
https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=GGE%2FPACAS%2F2020%2F3&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False