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Thank you, Madam President,
Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and its Ammunition Management Advisory Team.

In 2019, the GICHD and UNODA established AMAT as a joint initiative to provide operational and technical support to the UN SaferGuard Programme for review, update and dissemination of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG). Following the adoption of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management in 2023, AMAT's role was extended to include support for the Framework's implementation.

Madam President,

The Global Framework and the Arms Trade Treaty are mutually reinforcing. While the ATT regulates international transfers of conventional arms and related ammunition, the Global Framework addresses the safe, secure and sustainable management of conventional ammunition throughout its life cycle. Its measures on supply-chain transparency, end-user verification, transfer documentation and pre- and post-delivery cooperation can support implementation of Article 7 of the ATT.

The Framework also complements Article 11 of the ATT by establishing specific measures to prevent, detect and respond to the diversion of conventional ammunition across the pre-transfer, transfer, storage and post-transfer stages. Its reporting commitments also create opportunities for greater coherence with ATT reporting, helping to reduce duplication and strengthen implementation of both instruments.

Madam President,

The effectiveness of these frameworks depends on their implementation in practice. Through AMAT, GICHD helps translate international commitments into practical capacity by linking the Arms Trade Treaty and the Global Framework with the standards, systems and tools States need to manage ammunition safely and securely and prevent diversion.

As part of its support to the UN SaferGuard Programme, AMAT is leading the review of the IATG physical security and stockpile management modules, with version 4 expected by the end of 2026. We are also supporting development of new supply-chain security modules led by Conflict Armament Research, helping ensure a coherent framework linking stockpile management, diversion prevention and responsible transfers.

This same approach underpins the practical tools GICHD is developing with the support of the European Union.

One such tool is the Ammunition and Arms Management Validation System – AAMVS – developed under Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2275. AAMVS provides a standardised framework for assessing an end-user's arms and ammunition management capabilities against internationally recognised good practices. In the context of the ATT, it can support risk assessment and decision-making under Article 7, measures to prevent and address diversion under Article 11, and information-sharing and reporting under Articles 13 and 15.

GICHD is also developing, under Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1338, the Ammunition Inventory Management System (AIMS) and the Surveillance Information Management System (SIMS). These nationally owned, scalable and IATG-aligned digital systems strengthen inventory and surveillance management. AIMS supports accurate stock accounting, tracking and the timely detection of losses and diversion, while SIMS supports the monitoring of ammunition condition and stability for risk-based planning and decision-making.

Together, AIMS and SIMS support key objectives of the Global Framework while strengthening States' capacity to conduct pre- and post-transfer risk assessments, verify end use and end users, and fulfil ATT reporting requirements.

Madam President,

The GICHD remains committed to supporting the coherent implementation of the ATT and the Global Framework, in support of efforts to reduce the humanitarian, safety and security risks associated with conventional ammunition.

Thank you.