

CONTAINING THE OXYGEN OF CONFLICT: Issues and Priorities for Ammunition Life-Cycle Management

REMINDER

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WHAT: The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, in cooperation with the Government of Germany is pleased to invite you to a roundtable dialogue to exchange and discuss key issues and priorities relevant to conventional ammunition management. This event will focus on exploring options to address the risks of unplanned explosions and diversion of conventional ammunition to unauthorized users. The event will present the findings from a series of seminars convened within the framework of UNIDIR's project 'Framing and Informing Key Issues and Processes Pertinent to the Management of Conventional Ammunition'. This event aims to facilitate dialogue and generate ideas in order to help States framing key issues pertinent to the safe, secure, and accountable management of conventional ammunition in which progress can be made at the national, regional, and multilateral levels. This discussion is relevant to General Assembly Resolution 72/55 on 'Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus' and to States' preparations for the Group of Governmental Experts in 2020.

A light lunch will be served

13:15 - Welcoming Remarks: Conventional ammunition and the multilateral landscape

- *Mr. John Reyels, Deputy Head of Division, Conventional Disarmament, German Federal Foreign Office*

13:30 - Roundtable dialogue: Conventional ammunition management, what is the problem, what works, and what is needed?

The scale of the problem: unplanned explosions and diversion of conventional ammunition

- *General Bala Saleh, Retired Brigadier-General, Nigerian Army*
- *Ms. Diedre Mills, Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative, Jamaica*

A holistic approach: responsibility and accountability cycle for safe and secure management of ammunition

- *Mr. Jonah Leff, Director of Operations, Conflict Armament Research*

A look forward: General Assembly resolution 72/55 and the process towards a Group of Governmental Experts in 2020

- *Ms. Katherine Prizeman, Political Affairs Officer, UNODA*

Open Discussion

14:30 – Conclusions

WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 from 13:15 – 14:15, German House, New York

PARTICIPANTS: The organizers welcome the participation of representatives and experts interested in issues pertaining to conventional ammunition management.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday 18 October 2019 to manuel.martinezmiralles@un.org