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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment and assure you of my delegation's full support in the preparatory work leading to the Seventh Review Conference.

Italy aligns itself with the statement to be delivered by the European Union. I would like to add a few remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. President,

Italy has always valued the CCW and its annexed Protocols as essential instruments for the protection and promotion of international humanitarian law. The unique composition of the CCW, makes it the appropriate forum for addressing current and emerging issues relating to weapons development and use.

We are deeply convinced that universal adherence to the Convention and its Protocols is a key objective that should continue to receive strong support.

Italy also attaches particular importance to transparency and confidence-building measures and to the provision of technical and financial assistance. Since 2001, Italy has allocated more than 100 million euros to assistance programmes, in particular for

the clearance and destruction of explosive remnants of war (ERW), landmines and cluster munitions, victim assistance, risk education, and awareness-raising activities.

Mr. President,

The upcoming Review Conference will provide an important opportunity to take stock of developments in our work over the past five years and to establish a clear roadmap for our engagement during the next review cycle. We support the proposed structure of work for the next three days.

Among the many issues addressed within the framework of the CCW, Italy attaches particular importance to improvised explosive devices (IEDs). We share the international community's grave concern regarding the growing political and humanitarian impact of their use.

In this context, addressing the use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA) remains a pressing challenge. We were pleased to renew our commitment to the objectives and principles of the Political Declaration in San José last year.

Mr. President,

With regard to mines other than anti-personnel mines (MOTAPM), we consider it crucial to restrict their use and to incorporate into national military doctrines and plans a number of the precautions reflected in Amended Protocol II and its Technical Annex.. We believe that this important issue merits further discussion and should remain on the CCW agenda.

Finally, we have often underlined that, given its inclusive composition, the CCW is the natural forum in which to explore the characteristics and implications of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS). We commend the consensus adoption last week of a set of elements of an instrument and congratulate Ambassador In den Bosch. We look forward to agreeing on further steps following this important achievement at the Review Conference.

Thank you, Mr. President.