CONCEPT NOTE SIDE-EVENT 7/9

Avenues to Address Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) in the Context of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)

The present concept note considers the organization of a side-event in the margins of the CCW PrepCom on Monday 7/9 during lunchtime (13:14 – 14:45). A sandwich lunch will be provided by Belgium. The goal of this event is to promote a working paper co-sponsored by Belgium, France, Germany and Singapore, titled "*Avenues to Address Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) in the Context of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)*".

The goal of this working paper is to outline possible approaches to address the issue of LAWS within CCW context after the present GGE mandate ends. This working paper seeks to present these options in a neutral and impartial manner, without favouring certain national positions or preferences. The sole objective is to help delegations prepare for the CCW RevCon. The working paper will be published online only *after* the work of the GGE LAWS ends – not to hinder these discussions.

The side-event will be focussed on promoting this working paper among delegations and presenting the different avenues under the CCW. The structure for the side-event is the following:

1. Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Christophe Payot, Permanent Representative of Belgium
   Presenting the objective of and philosophy behind the working paper

2. Panel discussion on the content of the working paper
   Discussion on the avenues identified and possible options regarding the future mandate

   - Moderator: Mr. Angel Horna, Permanent Representation of Peru
     Delegation of the Chairperson of Main Committee II

   - Speaker 1: Mr. Kilian De Saeger, First Secretary, Permanent Representation of Belgium
     Presenting the working paper

   - Speaker 2: Ms. Lucile Robin, Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
     Discussing the working paper

   - Speaker 3: Ms. Cheyenne Ong, Senior Analyst International Security & Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Defence, Singapore
     Presenting a practitioner's perspective

   - Speaker 4: Mr. Richard Lennane, Disarmament Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross
     Presenting findings on historic negotiations under the CCW

3. Q&A
   Interaction with the floor