

**Explanation of amendments of the draft resolution L.40 Rev 1 entitled
“Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition
stockpiles in surplus”**

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Dear colleagues,

We are inviting you to take action today on draft resolution L.40 Rev1 entitled “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus” presented by France and Germany.

We have continued to carry out consultations these last days to secure consensus on this project. A few amendments have been suggested to us. We propose to include them in the resolution.

Due to the amount of time required for translation and editing, I understand that it would not be possible for the Secretariat to publish a Rev2 without us having to prolong the duration of our proceedings. We are reluctant to retain all delegations for an extra day. This is why you are being suggested to pronounce yourselves on Rev 1, with the following amendments that I will present from the floor:

- Delete completely PP5 starting with the words “Underlining the challenges...”.
- Merge OP 1 and 2 and add the word “such” before “stockpiles” in the language of former PP2 so as to obtain a PP 1 that reads as follows :

1. *Encourages* all interested States to assess, on a voluntary basis, whether, in conformity with their legitimate security needs, parts of their stockpiles of conventional ammunition should be considered to be in surplus, **and** recognises that the security of **such** stockpiles must be taken into consideration and that appropriate controls with regard to the security and safety of stockpiles of conventional ammunition are indispensable at the national level in order to eliminate the risk of explosion, pollution or diversion;

- Modify OP 5 so as to obtain the following language :

Encourages all Member States to examine the possibility of developing and implementing, within a national, regional or subregional framework, measures to **address accordingly the illicit trafficking related to the accumulation of such conventional ammunition stockpiles.**

As stated earlier, we propose to adopt this text without a vote.

Thank you for your attention.