Mr. Chairman,

1. Malaysia associates itself with the statement by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for this cluster, as well as the statement delivered by Ireland on explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA).

2. Whilst maintaining our efforts to eradicate all weapons of mass destruction, we should not lose sight of the devastating
consequences occasioned by conventional weapons. Malaysia commends the UN Secretary-General for having placed particular emphasis on this subject in his Agenda for Disarmament, released earlier this year. Malaysia joins members of the international community in calling for further action to reduce the serious humanitarian impact which such weapons have, especially on the lives of civilians.

3. It is imperative that effective measures exist to prevent the diversion of conventional weapons to illegitimate ends. Recognizing the important role of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in countering the illicit trade and diversion of conventional arms, Malaysia signed this Treaty in 2013, and will continue to uphold its spirit and work towards ratification of the Treaty. We believe that the ATT will augment existing national policies concerning the control of such weapons, whilst acknowledging the rights of States to utilise these arms judiciously in the interests of security, self-defence, research and trade. Malaysia is also considering to work with the ATT States Parties as well as international bodies in exploring other initiatives to fulfil Malaysia’s obligations under the Treaty.
4. Malaysia has implemented domestic legal provisions, in particular the Arms Act 1960 and the Strategic Trade Act (STA) 2010, to govern the circulation of conventional weapons. We have also identified particular elements of our national legislation which may be improved to ensure full and effective implementation of the ATT. We are ready to work with States Parties and relevant international bodies in assessing how we may best meet our obligations pursuant to the Treaty.

5. Malaysia fervently hopes that issues such as the illegal trafficking of arms will receive continued attention from multilateral fora, primarily those under the UN. In this regard, sustained action by the Conference on Disarmament and the UN Disarmament Commission, among others, is integral.

Thank you.