Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia associates itself with the statement delivered by the Republic of Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the statement delivered by Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as well as the statement delivered by Ireland on explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA).
Mr. Chairman,

2. While we continue to pursue the elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction, we should not lose sight of the devastating consequences caused by the use of conventional weapons. In this regard, Malaysia commends the UN Secretary-General for having placed particular emphasis on this subject in his Agenda for Disarmament. Malaysia joins members of the international community in calling for further action to mitigate the serious humanitarian impact posed by the use of conventional weapons, especially on civilian lives.

3. Although Malaysia has yet to become Party to several international instruments on conventional weapons, we remain supportive of these instruments and recognise the need for controls over such weapons, especially in preventing diversion to the illicit market. To this effect, Malaysia has put in place the necessary domestic legislation, amongst others, the Arms Act 1960, Customs Act 1967 and Strategic Trade Act (STA) 2010.
4. Malaysia supports the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which in our view, plays a significant role in preventing the use of conventional arms for purposes contrary to international humanitarian law (IHL). At the same time, the ATT also helps in combatting and eradicating the illicit trade of conventional arms. We believe that the ATT will help strengthen national policies on conventional weapons, while recognising the legitimate right of States to use such arms judiciously for security, self-defence, research and trade. We are working closely with other ATT States Parties and international bodies as part of efforts to strengthen our existing mechanisms, towards effective implementation and enforcement of the Treaty. We endeavour to ratify the ATT at the earliest opportunity.

5. Malaysia believes that the use of explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA) is an issue which must be given due consideration. We stand ready to support efforts in this regard, and look forward to contributing constructively towards the formulation of a political declaration on EWIPA, as envisaged by the UN Secretary-General.
6. The illicit transfer, manufacturing and circulation of small arms and light weapons (SALW), and their excessive accumulation and uncontrolled spread in many regions of the world, remains a serious concern. In this regard, Malaysia calls for the full, balanced and effective implementation of the UN Programme of Action (UN PoA) to prevent the illicit spread of these weapons.

7. Malaysia stands ready to work with all States to mitigate the humanitarian consequences of the use of conventional weapons.

I thank you.