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Madam Chair,

To respect you wish to be as brief as possible we have shortened our statement and at this instance wish to highlight only the most important issues in terms of thematic preparation for the review conference. Finland continues to stress the importance of the CCW and emphasizes that the Convention needs to live up to the developments in the field of conventional arms. We therefore strongly support the recommendations made by the expert group on LAWS, including the establishment of a GGE (Group of Governmental Experts) under the auspices of the CCW. This would provide an opportunity to address further the critical questions concerning LAWS the most pertinent being identification and elaboration of main characteristics of a working definition of LAWS and the application of and the compliance with the relevant legal principles and rules of international law, in particular international humanitarian law, in the context of LAWS.

We also value the work done by the coordinators in addressing the issue of IEDs and wish this issue to be taken further as outlined in the declaration.

Regarding Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines (MOTAPM) and the protection of civilians, we would like to express our support to conduct further expert discussions on MOTAPM in the framework of the CCW as the framework of this Convention provides an adequate basis for this work.

We look forward on taking appropriate action on these points in the Fifth Review Conference in December.

Thank you!