



# Invitation

## **First Informal Consultations pursuant to UNGA Resolution 72/55 “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”**

**Tuesday, 20th February 2018 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.  
United Nations Headquarters New York, Conference Room 4**

Germany, as the main sponsor of General Assembly resolution 72/55, has the honor to inform States of the convening of the first informal consultations on the topic of conventional ammunition with a focus on prevention of diversion of conventional ammunition. A concept note is attached.

Following introductory remarks on current trends as well as existing technical guidelines, States are encouraged to offer their views and national experiences related to preventing conventional ammunition diversion.

### **Agenda**

**1. Welcome and opening remarks**

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**2. Overview of current diversion trends**

James Bevan, Technical Advisor, Conflict Armament Research

**3. Overview of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) and  
the UN SaferGuard Programme**

*Daniel Prins, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for  
Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)*

**4. Implementation of the IATG in support of national authorities**

*United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), discussant TBD*

**5. Exchange of Member State views**

**6. Closing remarks and next steps**

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