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India's Explanation of Vote (POST-VOTING)
Conventional Weapons Cluster
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L.41- Resolution on Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems

India has voted in favor of the resolution L.41. We acknowledge the efforts of the co-sponsors to accommodate our concerns.

India continues to believe that the CCW is the appropriate forum to discuss issues relating to lethal autonomous weapons systems with a view to striking a balance between military necessity and humanitarian imperatives.

The GGE on LAWS is addressing the full range of challenges and concerns relating to LAWS in a comprehensive and inclusive manner. Consistent with the mandate, the Group is considering and formulating, by consensus, a set of elements of an instrument, without prejudging its nature.

India has abstained on PP2 because the application of International Human Rights Law does not fall under the subject matter of this Committee.

L.30: Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

India has abstained on L.30.

India supports the vision of a world free of anti-personnel landmines and is committed to their eventual elimination. The availability of militarily effective alternative technologies that can perform, cost effectively, the legitimate defensive role of anti-personnel landmines will considerably facilitate the goal of the complete elimination of anti-personnel mines. India is a High Contracting Party to AP-II of the CCW which enshrines the approach of taking into account the legitimate defense requirements of States, especially those with long borders.

India has fulfilled its obligations under AP-II including inter alia stopping the production of non-detectable mines as well as rendering all our anti-personnel mines detectable. India is observing a moratorium on the export and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

India remains committed to increased international cooperation and assistance for mine clearance as well as rehabilitation of mine-victims and has been contributing technical assistance and expertise to this end.

India regularly participates as an Observer at the MSP to the Convention.

L.9: The Arms Trade Treaty

India has abstained on the resolution L.9.

India has established strong and effective national export controls with respect to export of defense items. India subscribes to the objective of the ATT and our export control system meets those objectives.

As part of our commitment to international transparency measures, India submits an annual report under the United Nations Register on Conventional Arms for the same categories of conventional arms that are regulated under the ATT.

Our commitment is further reflected in India's participation in Wassenaar Arrangement.

India continues to keep the ATT under review from the perspective of our defense, security and foreign policy interests.

India has abstained on the PP 11, because the extract drawn from A/Res/79/1 deals with matters which do not strictly fall within the purview of this Committee.
