

Mr. Chair,

Norway attaches great importance to international and assistance cooperation. This year we have allocated NOK 26,3 millions (USD 4,4 millions) to a number of SALW related activities at the field level. Important areas are stockpile management and combating armed violence. Norway greatly appreciates the close partnership with NGO in carrying out these projects.

We are convinced that Norwegian funded projects contribute in reaching the objectives of both the PoA and the ITI. From our perspective, it is important that international cooperation and assistance retain humanitarian perspective. We fully share the views expressed today that international cooperation also must fully integrate the gender dimension.