



PHILIPPINES

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Action on Drafts on Cluster 2: Other Weapons of Mass Destruction Conference Room 4, 1000H, 28 October 2022

Thank you for giving me the floor, Mister Chair,

The Philippines co-sponsored L.60 on “Measures to prevent terrorist from acquiring weapons of mass destruction” in recognition of the importance of national measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery and materials and technologies related to their manufacture. This emphasizes the necessity of robust strategic trade management at the national level and international cooperation in reinforcing global non-proliferation norms. In this line, we established a Strategic Trade Management Office which implements our relevant non-proliferation obligations, including the full implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004).

Mister Chair,

On L.69, the Philippines remain committed to the United Nations Secretary-General’s Mechanism. The Philippines have been pursuing capacity-building in terms of understanding and operationalizing the UNSGM, including through regional workshops conducted through the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) for ASEAN officials including experts from the Department of Health (DOH), Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), among others. The Philippines remains open to discuss measures to improve the UNSG’s mechanism as long as such measures would not undermine its independence and technical competence.

Thank you, Mister Chair,