Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese government has always been a staunch supporter and an active participant in the process of conventional arms control. China is of the view that legal mechanisms and frameworks should be constantly reinforced on the basis of balancing military security requirements and humanitarian concerns.

Mr. Chairman,

As the main legal framework dealing with the humanitarian issues in the field of arms control, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) has played an irreplaceable role in addressing the humanitarian concerns caused by anti-personnel landmines and other conventional weapons. As a full Contracting Party to the Convention and its five Protocols, China will, as always, strictly implement obligations under the Convention and annexed Protocols, and be committed to enhancing the effectiveness and universality of the convention.

While promoting the domestic implementation work, China has actively been dedicated to international humanitarian de-mining assistance. Since 1998, China has provided humanitarian assistance worth 80 million RMB to more than 40 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, in the form of de-mining equipment donation, technical training and victim assistance etc.. In 2014, China hosted demining training courses for Afghanistan and Cambodia, and is working on delivery of victim assistance to Laos.

In recent years, IED has increasingly become a major tool of terrorist, extremist and other criminal organizations to spread fear and cause chaos. This worrying trend calls for heightened international attention. With a
view to safeguard domestic and regional peace and security, China has been committed to exercising strict control over civil and military explosives and other dangerous chemicals that could be used to produce IEDs, supported and actively taken part in relevant international discussions. China is ready to enhance communication and cooperation with parties concerned in this regard.

China attaches importance to humanitarian concerns caused by indiscriminate use of lethal autonomous weapons, and supports continued and in-depth discussion on the issue under the appropriate arms control framework.

Mr. Chairman,

China is of the view that illicit trade in SALWs attributes to complicated causes, thus calling for a holistic approach that could address both the root causes and symptoms. The international community should strengthen cooperation within UN as the main channel, and ensure the full and effective implementation of POA on SALW and International Tracing Document and other international instrument on SALW. In the meantime, each State should continually strengthen its capacity-building and take on the primary responsibility for eradication of illicit arms trade.

At present, the evermore rampant terrorism and extremism are causing horrific turbulence and exacerbating humanitarian situation in some regions. The international community should enhance cooperation on strengthened control of weapons, with a view to denying terrorist and extremist groups access to weapons. This is of fundamental importance to regional and international peace and security.

The Chinese government has been firmly against illicit trade in SALWs. We understand and sympathize with affected countries. China has always taken a prudent and responsible attitude towards arms export through continually strengthening arms export control mechanisms. In the meantime, China has made its due contribution through close cooperation with related countries and active participation in relevant international process.
China supports international efforts to regulate international arms trade and played a constructive role in the negotiation of the Arms Trade Treaty. China is seriously studying the issue of signing the treaty. China stands ready to work with the international community and make unremitting efforts to properly solve the problem of illicit trade in conventional arms.

Mr. Chairman,

China attaches importance to transparency in armaments and is committed to enhancing mutual trust among all countries. In recent years, China has been submitting annual report to the UN Register of Conventional Arms, taking an active part in the work of relevant GGEs, dedicated to enhancing the universality and effectiveness of the Register. China will continue its efforts in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.