

**Argentine Declaration**  
**EWIPA Dublin Conference, 2022**

Argentina welcomes the adoption of the Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians against the Humanitarian Consequences derived from the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas.

Argentina thanks Ireland for organizing this Conference and for the efforts made, so that today we are all together with the firm purpose of protecting civilians in armed conflicts.

As Minister Coveney and other speakers have noted, Argentina considers this Political Declaration to be a fundamental step and also an urgent call to action.

The use of explosive weapons in populated areas has been one of the main causes of harm to civilians, threatening the life and health of civilians and causing their displacement in large migratory masses.

Argentina welcomes the fact that the declaration includes the promotion of respect for international humanitarian law and human rights, as well the notice of differentiated impact on women and children.

The mention of the damage caused to schools is another element that we highlight, since Argentina has been a pioneer country in the protection of schools against armed attacks, which is reflected in the "Safe Schools Declaration", adopted in 2017.

Lastly, we highlight Argentina's commitment to the participating States and civil associations, and we hope that this declaration will have urgent and direct developments.