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Mister Chair,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you, Amb. Guillermet Fernandez, and the facilitator for the Sub-working Group on current and emerging implementation issues, Ms. Rodriguez, on the substantive work conducted in view of CSP10.

Italy aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. I would like to add some remarks in my national capacity.

We would like to express our gratitude to the interim Facilitator for presenting the last anticipated chapter of the proposed Voluntary Guide, dedicated to Export and Export Assessment, and for reaching after a few years a stage in which we can look at a complete and comprehensive Guide. We deem useful to have now an executive summary and introductions and conclusions of general nature rather than longer introductory texts for each chapter of the Guide. This streamline effort is certainly helpful to make the Guide a more practical instrument to be used by all institutions involved with the implementation of the Treaty. Although the work conducted by the Sub-working Group on Articles 6 & 7 is now completed, we would like, as raised by other delegations, to retain the possibility to discuss in the future any practical issues arising with the implementation of those articles, given their crucial importance as core legal provisions of the Treaty.

In terms of the list of practical implementation questions, even though we consider it already detailed and comprehensive, especially the emphasis given to international cooperation and assistance aspects, we are ready to support those delegations for whom it is important to indicate that this list has a non-exhaustive

nature. Looking more specifically at the sequencing of topics, we appreciate that this plan is intended to be flexible and that its development over time is going to be assessed by delegations in light of a number of criteria, including the progress achieved and gaps remaining.

We have reviewed the new draft of the working paper presented by the Romanian Presidency which, according to us, elegantly incorporated all major inputs received by delegations in February during both the formal meetings and the dedicated side-event held by the Presidency. We deem interagency cooperation, along with the role of industry, to be crosscutting and relevant for imports and exports alike as well as for international cooperation and assistance.

We also look forward to continuing the discussion on the risk of conventional arms being used for gender-based violence and violence against women and children. In this context, we commend the work conducted so far by Argentina towards the preparation of a “Guide to Good Practices for arms control for the prevention of gender based violence”. The Italian Development Cooperation has a long standing experience in the development of programs aiming at promoting gender equality, enhancing women empowerment and countering domestic violence and we look forward to sharing our experience in the implementation of risk assessment and mitigation measures in the field.

Thank you for your attention.