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Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) Arms Trade Treaty

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Co-Chairs,

We commend the work you are conducting on this relevant topic.

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

Transparency and reporting are core elements of the ATT. Being part of the ATT means undertaking a fundamental obligation to report on arms export decisions, doing that regularly and on time through initial and annual reports. We welcome constructive steps emerged from this Group towards improved reporting mechanisms encompassing training initiatives, confidence-building measures, and the use of a clear and uniform terminology when completing the annual reports. We understand the challenges encountered by some States Parties in fulfilling this task and we support to take forward the discussion on the “voluntary regional reporting champions initiative”, considering the presentations provided by Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago and Cote d’Ivoire during the February meetings a way to increase awareness on the initiative for all States interested in receiving assistance.

We believe that this new multi-year work plan dealing with national implementation practices, which mirrors the work plan presented to us in the WGETI, is a good step forward in order to have a structured and focused discussion on reporting and information exchange. The sequencing of topics is well structured and we support the inclusion of the new agenda item “national implementation practices regarding transparency” to the new draft mandate of

the Group beyond CSP10. We are also interested in investigating the role that industry may play with compliance, risk assessment and human rights diligence along with the work conducted within the Sub-working group on current and emerging implementation issues.

Finally, we appreciated the discussion on the future of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) as a relevant platform to share and exchange information on suspected or detected diversion cases. In line with the preliminary discussions held by the Forum itself in February, we deem the mandate and scope of the DIEF should remain unchanged for the time being and the presentation of more cases by States Parties should be encouraged.

Thank you for your attention.

