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Transparency and Reporting

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Chair,

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 within the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) to improve 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 concerned States in the last session of the Group a useful way to increase

awareness on the initiative and avenues provided by the Secretariat to receive 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 and risk assessment along with the work conducted within the Sub-working group on current and emerging implementation issues.

Finally, we look forward to this new session of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) and to the case that will be presented. We value the discussion held in February and May on the future of the Forum as a relevant platform to share and exchange information on suspected or detected diversion cases. We recommend the mandate, scope as well as TOR of the DIEF remain unchanged for the time being and the presentation of more cases by States Parties should be encouraged. We fully support your draft conclusions to be approved this week in the course of CSP10.

Thank you for your attention.