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Mister President,

We would like to express appreciation to the Philippines for chairing this Group, as well as to Sierra Leone and Ireland for facilitating discussions in the WGETI Sub-working Groups and conducting substantive work in view of CSP11.

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

We supported the initiation of a structured discussion on national implementation practices regarding national control lists and we valued the exchanges occurred in February. We took note of the benefits illustrated by presenting States of having comprehensive multilateral lists which do not just encompass conventional arms but also dual use items, an approach Italy has also been implementing. We also took note of the point raised by a number of delegations on the scope of the ATT and possible

discrepancies between categories of items differently covered by the Treaty and UNROCA. We think this is an issue to be further addressed as we move towards the discussion on brokering and risk assessment.

Regarding the role of industry in responsible arms transfers, although the implementation on the Treaty is an exclusive responsibility of the States, we support the idea of developing voluntary guidance on this topic, especially the development of a list of reference materials for industry actors. A voluntary paper with useful elements for strengthening inter-agency cooperation would also be welcomed.

In terms of gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against women and children (VAWC), we would support including further guidance in the existing Voluntary Guide to implementing art. 6 & 7 which is, as many delegations stated, a "living document". Mexico's proposal about creating gender focal points is valuable and we encourage drawing on resources already developed under the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) and Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), that could also serve within the ATT framework. We look forward to receiving an updated proposal from Mexico and further discussing this relevant topic.

Finally, in relation to *ad hoc* discussions, we would like to reiterate our support to inclusivity and the possibility for all delegations, as reflected in the CSP9 decisions, to raise current and emerging issues in the practical implementation of the Treaty and initiate a focused discussion in an appropriate and professional manner.

Thank you for your attention.