

Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

Informal Preparatory Meeting to the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11)

Transparency and reporting

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Mister President,

At the outset, we would like to thank Ms Andrea Quezada of Chile for chairing the Working Group's meetings and shaping the discussion around focused and clear-cut questions.

Italy aligns itself with the intervention 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 are concerned for the low number of reports that has been recorded over the last few years and we encourage all States Parties that are not fully compliant with their reporting obligations to submit all their outstanding reports to the ATT Secretariat and seek assistance as appropriate through mechanisms such as the Voluntary Trust Fund and the ATT Needs and Resource Matching Database. We deem crucial to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible of any assistance needs so that appropriate actions can be taken, such as assistance with the use of the ATT Reporting Templates and other ATT reporting guidance tools.

We support conducting an assessment of the Information Exchange Platform and the online reporting tool and preparing recommendations on the use of these functionalities. We also see value in working on synergies among different reporting resources, such as ATT, UNROCA, national reports of governments for internal purposes, and non-governmental sources.

Finally, in relation to the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF), a platform that has proven to be relevant to share and exchange information on suspected or detected diversion cases, we would like to congratulate Dr Adam Alhassan Adamu Bonaa, Acting Executive Secretary of the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons of Ghana, for taking up this important role and planning our work while we move towards CSP11.

Thank you for your attention.