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Mr. President,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Let me begin by expressing our gratitude to the Philippines for chairing the WGETI, and to Sierra Leone and Ireland for facilitating the substantive discussions of the Sub-working Groups in preparation for CSP11.

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

Mr. President,

We commend the structured discussions on imports and national control lists that have taken place throughout the year. We support further deepening our understanding of implementation practices, including those concerning parts and components, which remain a significant operational challenge for many States Parties. Additionally, we believe that reviewing definitions and classifications of conventional arms in light of the synergies between the ATT and other existing instruments warrants further attention.

We also consider it beneficial to continue assessing the impact of new and emerging technologies on arms manufacturing and transfers, remaining vigilant and adaptable to evolving threats and trends in the arms trade.

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 and we welcome your draft recommendation in this regard. A voluntary paper with useful elements for strengthening inter-agency cooperation would also be welcomed. This exercise should consider existing international frameworks and corporate practices in high-risk sectors as well as involve relevant actors.

In terms of gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against women and children (VAWC), we would support your recommendation to the WGETI to continue discussions on the integration of additional elements on the implementation of art. 6 & 7 in the Voluntary Guide, which has always been defined a "living document". We would recommend for the gender focal points a voluntary and flexible mandate aligned with relevant precedents in other disarmament treaties. Looking at art. 6 & 7 more broadly, we reiterate the importance to strengthen the application of these articles through more robust risk assessment in the licensing process.

Finally, considering ad hoc discussions, we support the draft recommendation inviting States Parties and other stakeholders to raise current or emerging issues in the practical implementation of the Treaty. This recommendation reflects a decision taken at CSP9, and we welcome the opportunity to continue drawing on relevant expertise to maintain the ATT an inclusive forum.

Thank you for your attention