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Mr. President,

At the outset, we would like to thank Ms Andrea Quezada of Chile for the work conducted over the year on transparency and reporting and for guiding our discussions in the WGTR.

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 fundamental elements of the ATT, essential for ensuring accountability and fostering trust among States Parties. Accountability in arms trade activities helps prevent diversion and misuse, while open and accurate reporting builds confidence and contributes to a more secure international environment. In this context, comprehensive and accurate annual reports on arms exports and imports submitted by States Parties are a crucial instrument. Submitting these reports annually and within specified deadlines is not voluntary but an obligation under the Treaty.

Regarding the presentation just delivered by the Secretariat, we reiterate our concern 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. Regarding the number of reports made public, I would like to recall that since 2020 Italy has decided not to avail itself of the Art 13.3 clause, allowing States to exclude from their annual reports commercially sensitive or national security information, and to provide the ATT Secretariat with any data concerning countries of origin and destination of all categories of weapons.

We support the call to coordinate assistance efforts and to identify and address the root causes and real problems related to non-reporting. We welcome the constructive steps emerging from this Group towards improved reporting mechanisms, including training initiatives, confidence-building measures, and the adoption of clear and uniform terminology for completing annual reports. We also endorse your recommendation to invite delegations to brief the WGTR on their initiatives to promote reporting and support States Parties in overcoming reporting challenges, as well as to propose new initiatives in this regard. The project for voluntary practical bilateral and regional reporting assistance (peer-to-peer) and the online reporting functionality are also initiatives that the WGTR should closely monitor.

The Group should continue discussions about sources to collect data for reporting purposes and conduct an assessment of the Information Exchange Platform and the online reporting tool with the aim to prepare recommendations on the continuation of these functionalities.

Thank you, Mr. President.