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Madame President,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Let me begin by expressing our gratitude to France for chairing the WGETI, and to France and Sierra Leone for facilitating the substantive discussions of the Sub-Working Groups in preparation for CSP12.

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

Madame President,

We value the discussions that have taken place over the past year on scope and national control lists, and we support continuing technical exchanges, taking into account existing regional and multilateral practices, within the Sub-Working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues. We remain mindful of the multiple challenges involved in designing and adopting control lists at the national level, and we see benefits in achieving greater convergence among such lists, thereby making them more easily comparable. Such lists should also encompass all categories of the ATT, including parts and components, which present several operational challenges. We believe that greater consistency in implementation efforts could be achieved by strengthening collaboration

with relevant organizations, such as the World Customs Organization. We support further consideration of the potential utility of an informal ad hoc group to facilitate these discussions, while bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure the efficient use of available resources.

We recognize the role played by illicit brokering in facilitating the illicit trade in conventional arms, and we support further analysis of core brokering activities and examination of existing regulatory frameworks, enforcement arrangements, and the role of intermediary actors involved in arms transfers. We consider the upcoming discussions on *enforcement arrangements* and *the general regulation of actors involved in arms transfers* to be a suitable framework for such exchanges, and to better address the need for stronger international cooperation, information-sharing, and capacity-building.

On the role of industry in responsible international arms transfers, we support continued consideration of a list of reference materials and possible voluntary guidance linking human rights and IHL due diligence by industry stakeholders to ATT implementation. We are ready to engage in the proposed multi-stakeholder consultations announced by the Secretariat, bearing in mind States' primary responsibility for regulating arms transfers and implementing ATT obligations. In line with other delegations, we recommend that these consultations be clear as to their principles, scope, and methodology.

Finally, we would like to express our support for the proposed elements to strengthen inter-agency cooperation, and for the proposed additional guidance on the implementation of Article 7(4) of the Treaty. We also welcome the opportunity to continue discussions on the application of Articles 6 and 7 within the Sub-Working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues. We would like to thank the Secretariat for its work on the development of a Code of Conduct for ATT meetings, which we consider useful guidance to steer the organization of, and ensure inclusive participation in, our meetings.

Thank you, Madame President.