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Madam President,

Thank you for giving me the floor. At the outset, I would like to thank Ms. Winkelried Salazar of Peru for the extensive work she has carried out throughout the year as Chair of the WGTR, as well as for the report presented to us.

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

Madam President,

Transparency is a fundamental pillar of the Arms Trade Treaty. It builds trust among States Parties, deters the diversion of arms transfers, and holds governments accountable. Being party to the ATT entails a fundamental obligation to report regularly and in a timely manner on arms export decisions through initial and annual reports. We remain concerned by the overall decline in the number of reports submitted, as well as by the increasing number of reports submitted on a restricted basis.

We understand the challenges faced by some States Parties in meeting their transparency and reporting obligations, and we continue to support the regional reporting champions initiative. We also support training initiatives, confidence-building measures, and the adoption of clear and uniform terminology for the presentation of reports. For our part, we conduct training and outreach activities within the framework of EU-sponsored projects.

We value the work carried out by the Secretariat through its dedicated survey, which has helped to better understand the reasons underpinning the limited use of the information exchange platform and the online reporting tool. We encourage further efforts to raise awareness and provide assistance to States Parties in the use of these instruments.

We support your recommendation to establish an informal sounding-board group to advance the ATT Secretariat's work on reporting and information-exchange support initiatives and tools. The group should have a clear mandate, working methods, meeting frequency, and resource implications, as well as a clearly defined relationship with existing bodies. In this regard, we would like to thank you for the useful elements contained in Annex 1 to the report.

Finally, we can support, within the relevant allocated resources, your proposal to create a dedicated space on the ATT website for national reports, given its potential transparency benefits, including improved accessibility to national implementation practices and enhanced use of the ATT website as an information-sharing tool.

Thank you, Madam President.