



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Mr. Facilitator,

Japan would like to begin by expressing its sincere appreciation to you, Ambassador SANCHEZ DE LERIN, facilitator of the sub-working group on Article 6 and 7, for your precious efforts as facilitator leading to substantial progress on the work of this sub-working group.

Under the current international security circumstances, controlling arms transfers and ensuring the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty has become even more critical. In this sense, Japan attaches great importance to the role of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation as a forum to share national practices and to discuss tangible steps for further enhancement of the implementation of the ATT.

Mr. Facilitator,

Japan would also like to thank you for presenting the revised draft of the voluntary guide, chapter 1. Japan welcomes the revised version, which duly reflects comments and suggestions made in the previous sessions by States Parties, including those of Japan, and clearly indicates that the nature of the lists are non-exhaustive and that others may also be relevant in several paragraphs.

We also support the very concept of the current draft guide, which consists of a

compilation of the views and inputs from States Parties as a reference, and does not include any definitions of each term.

Bearing in mind that the purpose of this voluntary guide is to be used as a reference to assist States Parties in implementing Articles 6 and 7, and in particular the export-control authorities of each state, we need to continue to proceed with caution to not create new norms and standards for the subsequent discussions on the following chapters.

Lastly, as it is the first time I take the floor, allow me to congratulate the Philippines for their ratification of the ATT on 24 March 2022 and for becoming the 111th State party and the first ASEAN member state to join the Treaty. Japan warmly welcomes the Philippines as a new State Party from Asia Pacific region and appreciates its efforts to complete the ratification process. To promote and strengthen the effectiveness of the ATT, further universalization is necessary. Japan hopes the voluntary guide on which we are now deliberating will also contribute to promoting universalization and enhancing the implementation of ATT.

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator,