



## Statement of Japan

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At the outset, Japan would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Co-Chairs for their dedication to the work of this working group.

Japan attaches much importance to transparency in international transfer of conventional arms. In this relation, Japan welcomes the development of the guidance document for national points of contact as part of the project supported by the EU, to help States Parties better implement their treaty obligations including submission of their reports. We also appreciate the briefing by the Secretariat on the work on reporting on Monday. We hope that these efforts will encourage many States Parties to fulfill their reporting obligations.

Japan, having submitted its annual reports online, would like take this opportunity to call on all States Parties to fulfill their obligation to submit their initial and annual reports, which will certainly help towards promoting transparency in conventional arms transfers.

Thank you.