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Annex: introductory paper of the WGTR Co-Chairs

Opening and adoption of the draft annotated agendaⁱ

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to share remarks about this draft annotated agenda and to propose additional agenda items under AOB.

1. State of play of compliance with reporting obligations

*Under this agenda item, the ATT Secretariat will give **a general overview of the reporting status**, and of the progress that has been made in comparison to the previous status update. Subsequently the Co-Chairs will invite WGTR participants to share their views.*

2. Challenges concerning reporting

*Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will first have the opportunity to share any **challenges to submitting timely and accurate initial and annual reports** they are facing. Particularly States Parties that have not yet complied with all their reporting obligations are urged to share the obstacles that have kept them from reporting.*

*Concerning the “**Outreach strategy on reporting**”, States Parties, civil society and regional organizations will be asked to brief WGTR participants about any information sessions or promotional events on reporting that they have held since CSP7, and about any other initiatives focused on enhancing compliance with the reporting requirements, including support received from the VTF to enhance reporting capacities.*

*Regarding the “**FAQ’-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligation**”, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to discuss the draft suggested amendments to the document put forward by the co-chairs to reflect the revised reporting template and any other proposals for alterations to the guidance or additional questions and answers.*

3. Substantive reporting and transparency issues

Under this agenda item, the WGTR participants will have the opportunity to exchange views concerning the way transparency regarding gender and gender-based violence can be promoted in the ATT framework. The Co-chairs underline that this topic is not included in the mandate and there is no treaty obligation to provide information on this topic.

Subsequently, the WGTR participants will have the general opportunity raise any substantive issues regarding reporting that could benefit from consideration by the WGTR and to share practices, challenges and limitations concerning the public availability of reports.

4. Organizational means for information exchange

*Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the general opportunity to propose and discuss **structured mechanisms, processes or formats facilitating the information exchanges** that are required or encouraged by the Treaty, both on the policy level, as well as on the operational level.*

*Concerning the **three-tier approach to sharing information on diversion**, the WGTR Co-Chairs will invite the Chair of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum to provide an update on the organization of the first meeting of the Forum.*

5. Reporting and transparency functionalities of the IT platform

*Under this agenda item, the users of the IT platform will have the opportunity to flag **any problems or inconveniences they have experienced with the platform**.*

*The Co-Chairs have invited the EU External Action Service to provide a presentation of the COARM searchable online database to inform the discussions about the possible introduction of **a searchable online database** in the ATT-context. The Co-Chairs stress that no decision regarding the introduction of such a database in the ATT-context has been made and that this discussion requires a long-term approach with careful considerations of both costs and benefits of such a system.*

AOB

ⁱ In light of the reduced time allocated to the 17 February 2022 meeting, the Co-Chairs propose to postpone the discussions on the following agenda items for the next meeting in the CSP8 cycle. Contributions, proposal or comments on these topics may be submitted in writing:

- Agenda item 2. Recurring task 2: The WGTR will monitor the implementation of the project of voluntary practical bilateral and regional assistance with reporting (peer-to-peer);
- Agenda Item 2. Recurring task 3: The WGTR will give participants the opportunity to propose and discuss other means to support States Parties in addressing their reporting challenges;
- Agenda item 4. Recurring task 2: The WGTR follow up the implementation of the three-tier approach to sharing information on diversion, adopted at CSP4.

Furthermore, in light of reduced time allocated to the 17 February 2022 meeting, the Co-Chairs propose to postpone the discussion of the following agenda item for the CSP9 cycle:

- Agenda item 2. Specific task 6: The WGTR will monitor the impact and usefulness of the updated Initial Reporting template and the updated Annual Reporting template endorsed at CSP7;
- Agenda item 3. Recurring task 2: The WGTR will monitor and coordinate further work on the project to facilitate the identification of the conventional arms in Article 2 (1) of the Treaty in the “Harmonized System” (HS) of the World Customs Organization (WCO).