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Statement by the Delegation of Brazil

DIVERSION INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM (DIEF)

Thank you, Mr. President,

We commend the work of the Chair of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum.

Our practical experience in this Forum is still incipient, but promising. The DIEF has a unique and valuable role within the framework of the ATT. Its vocation and merit derive from its operational nature.

The Forum provides a platform for operational engagement unlike any other. Its distinct advantage lies in its ability to facilitate - in a multilateral setting – direct and concrete discussions on the challenges and possibilities inherent in our collective efforts against diversion.

This approach is crucial for tackling the complex issues surrounding the diversion of conventional arms into the hands of unauthorized users, including criminal organizations.

In our view, the operational work it undertakes should not be isolated from our diplomatic endeavors. Instead, it serves as a bridge, allowing us to translate specific operational experiences into broader dialogues. This inductive process enhances our understanding of challenges that are often more visible at close range, thus enriching our overall policy-oriented discussions.

As a State Party that has presented an actual case in the Forum early on, Brazil shares the understanding that the DIEF has already proved that it is fit for its purpose of sharing information while protecting confidentiality and ensuring a multiplicity of perspectives.

We call upon all States Parties to fully engage with and make use of the Dief as a platform for multilateral intelligence sharing on diversion. Let us harness its full potential for transforming operational insights into effective policy.

Thank you.