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Thank you Mr. President.

We would like to thank you, the Working Group Chairs and Facilitators, as well as the ATT Secretariat for another excellent Session this week. As always, the Control Arms coalition appreciates the opportunity to engage substantively - and in-person - with so many ATT stakeholders from all regions.

This year, we are pleased to note that some of the CSP5 recommendations on Gender are being reflected in the deliberations and outputs of the sub-working groups and the ATT Secretariat. In February of this year, the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting addressed the issue of Gender and Reporting, with a presentation and discussion on how to integrate gender perspectives and improve data collection with regard to ATT reporting. We also welcome the fact that the ATT Secretariat continues to draw attention to gender-balance among delegations attending CSP meetings.

We welcome the proposal referenced today to include past thematic commitments within the deliberations of the Working Groups. This would create opportunities for all ATT stakeholders to contribute to advancing this important work. At each CSP, Working Group Chairs could then share a summary of their accomplishments in this regard.

In summary, Control Arms sees value in the explicit allocation of work relating to themes of previous presidencies. Such clear allocation would provide more visibility to these efforts, which in turn would strengthen links and synergies among the work of all ATT stakeholders.

As this session closes, Control Arms would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Sarah Parker for her dedicated service to all ATT stakeholders in her role within the ATT Secretariat. Sarah's unrivaled expertise, integrity, professionalism and good humor has made working with her both a pleasure and a privilege. Sarah, we wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. President.