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**Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation
Sub-Working Group on Article 9**

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Thank you Mr. Facilitator.

Control Arms welcomes the agenda and discussion points within the context of the sub-working group on Article 9. We appreciate the presentation provided today by Dr. Julia Hornig and the insights provided by several States today. Of course we are very interested in learning more from other States about their insights on the important topics of transit and transshipment by land and air as they relate to the movement of conventional weapons and indeed to what extent they distinguish whether or not there are multiple transport modalities..

By providing additional detailed questions in its Background Paper, the sub-working group on Article 9 presents a solid framework for States Parties to submit their positions - and their questions - as to how these international and regional instruments relate to national state practice, and ultimately, ATT compliance. This discussion is particularly relevant to States Parties and signatories whose role centers on transit and transshipment.

As it moves forward this year, Control Arms urges the sub-working group to explore fully the relationship between Article 9 and Article 6 and 7 - as such an exploration will shed light on how to approach national control system development for transit and transshipment in particular, and what baselines are required in practice, to ensure compliance with ATT obligations.

Control Arms is especially interested in hearing States Parties' insights on commonalities and differences between national export licensing processes and transit/transshipment licensing processes and how to ensure these two processes are consistent and build on one another.

Finally, given the crossover between subject matter between the sub-working group on Article 9 and Article 11, which this year is focusing on the role of transit and transshipment, Control Arms suggests collaboration between the sub-working groups, including a joint session of the sub-working groups. Combining these discussions will serve to strengthen both working groups and provide an opportunity to ensure the coherence of implementation among Treaty provisions.

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator.