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Working Group on Transparency and Reporting

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Madame Co-Chairs,

Control Arms appreciates the new focus of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting on gender. Engaging with the commitments made by ATT States Parties at CSP5 to incorporate gender into its work is critical - and we are pleased to see this working group address head on and incorporate these commitments into their work this CSP8 cycle. We would also like to thank Allison Pytlak of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for her insightful and important presentation today.

Control Arms supports the concept of including gender aspects into the reporting templates. In places where gender-disaggregated information is available, Control Arms encourages States Parties to include such information, even if not formally requested within the templates.

To initiate and maintain active engagement with the specific commitments States parties made on gender at CSP5 more broadly, Control Arms, with support from Canada and in close cooperation with WILPF and other partners, is currently developing a methodology to monitor the progress of the ATT CSP and its States Parties - both individually and collectively – in meeting the CSP5 gender commitments.

In the coming months, we will be engaging with a variety of ATT stakeholders to collect input on the proposed methodology before we finalize and introduce the project and its results at CSP8 this August. We look forward to engaging with all who would like to input into this project, and we thank you in advance for sharing your time and expertise.

Thank you Madame Co-chairs.