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**ATT Secretariat
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Mr President,

Control Arms appreciates the work of the ATT Secretariat over the last year. We believe that the staffing and resourcing of the ATT Secretariat should be subject to yearly review to ensure that the organisation remains fit for purpose, and has sufficient capacity to deliver all the work required of it.

Since its establishment in 2015, the ATT Secretariat's workload has grown significantly, beyond what was envisaged at the first Conference of States Parties. Indeed the Report on the ATT Secretariat's Activities for the period 2016/2017 underscores this point and sets out a substantial list of tasks which have been undertaken over the past year stretching the Secretariat to its absolute limit. In particular, Control Arms supports the establishment of the Voluntary Trust Fund while recognising the considerable workload involved. We therefore support the ATT Secretariat's recommendations for an increase in capacity to be able to effectively manage this programme.

Finally, we note that the current budget of the ATT Secretariat is approximately zero point zero zero one per cent of the global arms trade that is worth an estimated 90 billion US dollars per year.

Thank you.