**Ireland – WGETI Statement**

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**Geneva**

Thank you.

Ireland aligns itself with the statements delivered by the European Union and would like to add the following remarks in a national capacity.

First, allow me to thank Ambassador Fernandez of Costa Rica and Ms. Grisselle Rodriguez of Panama, and the ATT Secretariat, for your continued efforts in guiding our work and ensuring the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) fulfils its mandate of strengthening the Treaty.

We are pleased to see the finalisation of the Draft Voluntary Guide for implementing Articles 6 & 7 of the ATT. The resource is the product of lengthy, in-depth discussions and provides valuable insights regarding the interpretation and application of these two core Treaty provisions. We encourage all delegations to make use of this tool, both in implementation and universalisation activities, and, indeed, when applying Articles 6 & 7. As the WGETI pivots to practical implementation issues, it is important that we keep in mind the nature of the guide as a ‘living document’. We should review and update it as we continue to exchange views and information through practical discussions on real-world examples.

Chair,

As my delegation mentioned in May this year, now that the sub-working group on Articles 6 & 7 has concluded its work, it is important that we maintain a focus on the implementation of, and compliance with, these core provisions. To this end, it would be useful for us to discuss the *application* of Articles 6 & 7, in a structured manner, as a separate or standing agenda item, in a consistent, inclusive and transparent manner. We welcome recommendation (b) in the WGETI report in this regard.

We welcome the draft multi-year work plan of the new sub-working group on the Exchange of National Implementation Practices, as well as the accompanying practical implementation questions. We draw attention to the importance of reviewing and updating the work plan, as recommended in the WGETI draft report, to allow for flexibility and responsiveness in our discussions. We hope that presentations by States Parties and other stakeholders, combined with making full use of the guiding questions, will result in meaningful discussions on practical implementation issues. Key to this will be ensuring that documentation is provided for with sufficient time ahead of Working Group meetings, and in a clear and decipherable format.

Chair,

We welcome the recommendations regarding the Sub Working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues. These include continuing discussions on the role of industry in responsible arms transfers, and the risk of conventional arms being used for gender-based violence or violence against women and children. We reiterate our hope that sufficient time be allocated for these and future topics under this sub-working group to allow for meaningful discussion, including through employing a rolling agenda.

Finally, the ad-hoc discussion on ‘upholding legal obligations under the ATT: the case of the Palestinian people’ was an important opportunity to reflect on application of, and compliance with, core provisions of the ATT. It is crucial that the Treaty is responsive to current events, and we encourage more conversations on real-world case studies, in an inclusive and constructive manner, which is essential towards fulfilling the ATT’s object and purpose.

Chair,

The effective implementation of the ATT is a key step in preventing the illicit and irresponsible transfers of arms which continue to contribute to conflict, instability and violence. It promotes accountability and transparency in the international arms trade. The universal application and full implementation of the ATT will enhance international security, reduce violence in both conflict and non-conflict settings, and can bring us closer to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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