**Ireland – WGTR Statement**

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Thank you

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

First, I would like to thank the Chair of the Working Group as well as the ATT Secretariat for your steadfast efforts throughout this this CSP cycle.

Chair,

We are encouraged by some of the preliminary findings of the 2024 ATT Monitor report, including improvements in on-time annual reports, a decrease in confidential reporting, including some States Parties who chose to report publicly for the first time, as well as submissions of overdue annual and initial reports. We welcome these positive trends, and are hopeful that they will continue.

Nevertheless, overall rates of timely, accurate, comprehensive and public reporting remain disappointingly low. We reiterate that this legal obligation is a core component of the ATT that is critical for the effective implementation of its operative articles, and serves as an important confidence-building measure. We would like to reiterate the significance of non-confidential reporting, as it increases the relevance of reports and facilitates accountability for export decisions.

We recognise that many States Parties continue to experience difficulties meeting their ATT reporting requirements, including due to a lack of capacity and resources, internal coordination challenges, and difficulties in conducting technical assessments. In light of these various challenges, it is important that we continue to work collectively to find ways to overcome these obstacles, to increase the rate and quality of reporting, and, ultimately, contribute to accountability and transparency in the international arms trade.

Chair,

Ireland welcomes the recommendations found in the report of the WGTR, including the draft multi-year work plan for the exchange of national implementation practices regarding transparency and the mandate for the next year.

We are grateful for those States Parties that have assumed leadership roles as ‘regional reporting champions’. Much like the universalization regional champions, this initiative will play a key role in supporting the work of the WGTR and of the ATT Secretariat, in particular in identifying and assessing the unique reporting assistance needs through peer to peer exchanges. Together with leveraging the myriad of existing resources, including from a range of NGOs and think tanks, which do a great job of clearly identifying the difficulties and obstacles in reporting and offering concrete recommendations, we are well poised to continue improving compliance with initial and annual reporting.

Finally, we would encourage the WGTR to continue consideration of a potential online searchable database, which would go a long way in facilitating information exchange and transparency. We welcome the initiative by Control Arms in this regard.

Thank you