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Madame President,

At the outset, we would like to thank Ms. Winkelried Salazar of Peru for assuming the role of WGTR Chair and to express our appreciation for her efforts in guiding the discussion around clear-cut questions.

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. I would like to add a few remarks in my national capacity.

We consider transparency and reporting to be core elements of the ATT. Being a State Party to the ATT entails the fundamental obligation to report on arms export decisions regularly and in a timely manner. In response to your question regarding the sharing of national practices, challenges, and constraints on "Reports to Cabinet and/or Parliament," I wish to provide the following information. In Italy, each year the National Authority for Export Control of Armament and Dual-Use Materials, together with the other branches of the Government involved (Defense, Economy, Customs) prepares and submits to the Office of the Prime Minister a report on exports of armament materials carried out during the previous year, for subsequent transmission to Parliament, as provided for by the relevant national law. The report: makes public the aggregated data on exports by country, category and value; highlights the authorizations issued, revoked or pending; provides information on monitoring activities and the policy orientations adopted. The document, available on the website of the Parliament, ensures transparency, parliamentary oversight, and public access to information.

At the international level, as a State Party to the ATT, we fulfil our reporting obligations through the online reporting tool, and we encourage more States to make use of this fully digital version of the reporting template, which, according to the latest available data, is currently used by only about 8 % of States. We support the ATT Secretariat in further facilitating the use of the ATT Reporting Templates, the Voluntary Guidance on the Practice of Annual Reporting, and other existing ATT reporting tools, by optimizing their format and accessibility on the ATT website. We are confident that the recent survey conducted among States Parties on the online reporting tool and the Information Exchange Platform — as well as on potential alternative tools and broader reporting issues — will provide useful insights to build upon existing successes and address current challenges.

We look forward to hearing more today about the tailored initiatives implemented by the Secretariat, such as the project on voluntary practical bilateral and regional assistance and the implementation support tool. We also see potential value in the proposal to establish an “informal sounding board” of interested stakeholders to support the ATT Secretariat’s efforts in facilitating reporting compliance.

Beyond the limited use of the online reporting tool, we remain concerned by the overall decline in the number of reports submitted and call upon all States Parties to comply fully with these core obligations. In this regard, we support training initiatives, confidence-building measures, and the adoption of clear and uniform terminology for report presentation. We understand the challenges faced by some States Parties in meeting these obligations and continue to support the regional reporting champions initiative. For our part, we conduct training and outreach activities within the framework of EU-sponsored projects.

We also take interest in exploring synergies with other relevant organizations and note, in this context, the tick-box included in the current ATT Annual Reporting Template enabling UNODA to use relevant information from a State Party’s report as a basis for the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) submission.

Thank you for your attention.