

**Statement of the Government of Japan  
on the Diversion Information Exchange Forum  
The Sixth Conference of the States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty  
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Mr. President,

At the outset, Japan would like to thank the President of CSP6 and the Co-Chairs of the Transparency and Reporting Working Groups from Belgium and Mexico, who have been leading the discussions throughout the CSP6 cycle towards the establishment of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum.

Information exchange is crucial in the prevention of diversion. Japan is pleased to see that the three-tiered approach to discussion and information exchange on diversion, agreed to at CSP4 during Japan's presidency, has led to the proposal at CSP6 to establish the Diversion Information Exchange Forum. Japan welcomes and supports the proposed decision.

Japan would like to emphasize that the Forum is designed as a mechanism in which all participants work in good faith and promote constructive exchange and international cooperation. In order to maintain an amicable and constructive environment that enables effective discussions, the efficacy of the Forum as well as its TOR should be reviewed in CSP8, so that the modality and texts of the TOR can be improved as needed in line with the actual progress of the Forum.

Japan hopes that the anticipated Forum will provide a constructive venue for information exchange, and contribute to further prevention of conventional arms diversion.

Thank you, Mr. President.