

## Comments by Japan on Working Paper presented by Argentina

### CSP6 President's Working Paper

#### 'Transparency and Exchange of Information: Its Roles in the Prevention of Diversion'

##### 1. Third bullet point in Page 2

It is treaty obligation to designate and communicate National Points of Contact. Therefore, it is not appropriate to merely recommend or encourage, as this could be seen to weaken the treaty obligation. If this sentence needs to be included in the recommendations, it should read, according to the treaty, as follows.

*"3) States Parties are obliged under Article 5(6) to designate one or more national points of contact to exchange information on matters related to the implementation of this Treaty and to notify the Secretariat of its national point(s) of contact and to keep the information updated. "*

##### 2. Sixth bullet point in Page 2

The meaning of *"carry out checks of exports and imports"* is not clear. Article 11 (4) states, "Such measures may include ...examining diverted shipments of conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1)" which refers to the examination of shipments within a certain scope and not the general inspection of exports and imports. We need to be cautious in adopting measures to prevent diversion that are not stipulated in the Treaty by CSP.