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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines views the effective implementation of the ATT as requiring strong coordination among relevant national authorities, given the cross-cutting nature of arms transfer controls involving trade regulation, national security, law enforcement, customs administration, and foreign policy considerations.

With respect to the possible steps and questions outlined in Appendix 4, we find the proposed framework to be a useful reference for States Parties seeking to establish or strengthen national coordination mechanisms. The step-by-step approach, from identifying relevant entities and defining mandates to establishing coordination arrangements, allocating resources, and periodically reviewing institutional arrangements, provides a practical roadmap for building effective inter-agency cooperation systems.

In the Philippine context, one useful practice has been the development of a capability matrix that maps the roles, expertise, and information resources of member agencies involved in STM implementation.



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This tool helps identify which agencies can contribute specific technical expertise, intelligence inputs, or enforcement capacity during licensing assessments and other STM-related implementations. Such an approach may complement the steps outlined in Appendix 4, particularly those relating to identifying relevant entities and defining institutional roles and responsibilities.

Our delegation appreciates the emphasis in the proposed guidance on information-sharing mechanisms, operational coordination, and the development of standard operating procedures, as these are essential in ensuring that inter-agency cooperation functions effectively in practice.

In line with this, the Philippines supports the possible integration of these steps into the Voluntary Basic Guide to Establishing a National Control System, as they may provide practical guidance to States Parties developing or strengthening their national ATT frameworks.

Thank you.