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Australia – Statement on Treaty Implementation

Mr President

Let me expressing our ongoing gratitude to Ambassador Dallafior of Switzerland for her able leadership of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, and the Facilitators from Ghana, Jamaica and Sweden of the sub-working groups on these Articles. We are pleased to see such meaningful work on each of these Sub-working groups.

In the case of Article Five we are pleased to see the progress being made is developing the *Basic Guide*. As we reported in April, Australia is active in promoting the ATT in the Asia-Pacific region, which is under-represented among States Parties. In addition to the *Broader Benefits of the ATT* document developed with Australian support, we see the *Basic Guide* as a complementary tool in assisting countries with finite administrative resources to accede to and implement the ATT. Australia will take this work forward in our region in the coming year.

Australia takes its obligations under Articles Six and Seven of the ATT extremely seriously. We agree with the sub-working group on this topic that we must use the best information available to conduct risk assessments under Article Seven and are grateful for its contribution on this matter. We must also be willing to exchange information on our assessments as appropriate in the spirit of Article 15 of the treaty and encourage all States Parties to do so.

In the same vein, diversion is something that can occur at any stage of the transfer process, so preventing this requires collaboration and communication among States Parties. We encourage the sub-working group to continue to identify best practice in terms of end user documentation and verification processes.

Thank you Mr President.

Facilitators of WGETI Sub-working Groups

Article 5 General Implementation – Mr. Leonard TETTEY of Ghana;

Articles 6 (Prohibitions) and 7 (Export and Export Assessment) - Mr. Daniel NORD and later Mr. Ulf LINDELL of Sweden]; and

Article 11 (Diversion) - Ms. Samantha ALLEN of Jamaica.