



## **BELGIUM**

### **Agenda Item 4. Thematic discussion on Gender and Gender Based Violence**

#### **Arms Trade Treaty Fifth Conference of States Parties (Geneva, 26-30 August 2019)**

Mr President,

Belgium aligns itself fully with the statement made by the EU and with the joint statement made by the Representative of Argentina. We will still come back to our further work concerning the GBV criterion when we discuss implementation and article 6 and 7 of the Treaty tomorrow.

We also would like to add one particular point now in our capacity as co-chair of the working group on transparency and reporting.

The draft decision that is presented to us includes the proposal to consider including a GBV question in the *annual* reporting template. The proposal is not very clear and we would like to point out that the annual reporting obligation in Article 13 (3) of the Treaty only concerns reporting on authorized or actual exports and imports, not on implementation measures. These need to be included in the initial report that States Parties need to submit and update, if applicable. We would therefore suggest to rather propose the consideration of a specific GBV question in the *initial* reporting template. This can then be discussed in the WGTR in the context of the review of the reporting templates, that is included in the mandate of the WGTR beyond CSP5.

I thank you.