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**-Thematic discussion on Gender and Gender Based Violence-**

Mr. President,

At the outset allow me to thank you for your commitment for having an issue of gender and gender-based violence as a subject of the specific thematic discussion at the CSP. The draft decision that you have prepared about this issue deserves full appreciation assuming that the same represents a concrete basis for achieving progress within the framework of the ATT and on the ground.

I would like to thank panelists for providing us with an overview of gender and gender-based violence in the context of the arms trade and this Treaty. Many reports clearly show the negative impact of the illegal trade of arms to gender-based violence, equally in the period of arms conflicts, or the period of peace during different forms of violence. The ATT must use all its mechanisms to deal with a gender issue comprehensively and in line with already existing efforts in the field of disarmament and humanitarian and human rights fora.

We welcome discussing of further elements to advance the issue of gender and gender-based violence within the framework of the ATT. Firstly, a better understanding of the gendered impact of armed violence and ATT's gender perspective is a prerogative for having progress in this field. Due to that, the permanent presence of this issue on the CSP Agenda and during the inter-sessional process is of crucial importance. Secondly, there are many options for work at the national level by the States Parties which need to be further explored and implemented. Thirdly, we also welcome efforts for achieving a gender balance of delegations at the ATT's meetings and conferences.

Montenegro would like to reaffirm its full commitment towards achieving results related to the gender aspect of the Treaty and reducing gender-based violence.

Thank you.