

DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT ON GENDER
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I have the honor to deliver this intervention on behalf of the following Latin America and the Caribbean State Parties: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

Our countries realize that consequences of gender-based violence (GBV) are varied and long-lasting and have serious repercussions on development. Even though violence against women is the most representative form of GBV, our countries are not indifferent to any act perpetrated that causes death, damage or suffering, either physical, sexual or psychological, based on gender.

We thank Latvia once more for advocating for the acknowledgement of the relevance of GBV in global arms control frameworks, including in the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). In this regard, we value having arms-related GBV as the official theme for the Presidency of the Fifth Conference of State Parties to the ATT (CSP5).

Gender sensitiveness is a core element in the field of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. As a matter of fact, actions taken by our Governments are guided by the implementation of key instruments, such as the Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and

the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 5.

Mr. President,

We acknowledge with thanks your recently circulated Draft Decision of the CSP on Gender and GBV, covering the three broad areas of our gender-based discussions: gender balance in representation, gendered impact of armed violence and conflict, and gender-based violence and risk assessment under articles 6 and 7 of the ATT.

IN CLOSING, we would like to stress that the evidence suggests that a greater representation and participation of women at all levels of political life results in a lower propensity to conflict and a greater trend to maintain and consolidate peace.

Thank you, Mr. President.