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Mr President,

The work for the fourth CSP begins as soon as this current CSP concludes.

Control Arms encourages States to begin this work with urgency, building on the progress that has been made over the previous three CSPs while addressing some important gaps. We look forward to a comprehensive focus on how the ATT can reduce human suffering, with substantive discussions that lead to more robust implementation.

We welcome the comments earlier by Mexico and Chile, recognising civil society's work in highlighting Treaty violations. The time has surely come to consider in greater detail important issues that lie at the heart of the Treaty, and which have, to date, been avoided by the vast majority of States Parties. The issue of how Articles 6 and 7 are being implemented must be addressed and relevant working groups should focus on this as a priority. As we have already pointed out at this meeting, the silence on Yemen has been deafening.

To ensure the broadest participation in these and other important discussions, Preparatory Meetings held back-to-back with Working Group meetings should be scheduled well in advance. Sponsorship for both States and civil society should be fully adequate. Translation and interpretation is also crucial to ensure broad participation. We stress the importance of ensuring that CSP4 is held in a venue with space for all attendees, including observers, to participate.

We very much welcome the thematic focus on the SDGs at this CSP and look forward to the Working Groups undertaking further exploration of some of the issues raised. We also support adoption of thematic foci for the next year. Possible themes could include the relationship between the ATT and efforts to tackle organized crime and, building on the Irish Working Paper submitted to this Conference, the issue of Gender Based Violence.

Finally, Mr President, we welcome Japan's suggestion of holding the CSP in Asia, and look forward to working constructively with the next President and Bureau.

Thank you.