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Muchas gracias embajador Fernandez,

Good morning colleagues, I want to join others and thank you as well as the secretariate for the documents and the hard work by you and your team, on the chair's report as well as the clarifications you just presented.

Israel would like to request you consider including the following changes in the chair's report to CSP10 of the ATT working group on effective treaty implementation.

1. At the segment about the discussion held on the risk of conventional arms being used for gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and children (VAWC) Israel suggests adding the following text:

“Some delegations referred to the issue of the diversion of arms to Non-State Actors and the grave consequences for gender based violence”

As the topic was discussed in February, we would like to see it in the summary report, and remain flexible whether this should be included as a separate paragraph or added to sub paragraph 39.

2. On page 11 of the document, we would suggest adding the phrase “in a professional and non-politicized manner” to paragraph 44 so it will read

Concerning the ad hoc discussion on “Upholding legal obligations under the ATT: The case of the Palestinian people”, it is reiterated that the purpose of these ad hoc discussions is to have exchanges and information-sharing on the proposed issue during a dedicated session of the Subworking Group. In that respect, the Conference is requested to note that the first ad hoc discussion took place, and to encourage States Parties and other stakeholders to raise further implementation issues on which they seek an ad hoc discussion in the WGETI, **in a professional and non-politicized manner**, in accordance with the CSP9 decision.

3. On page 12 of the document, paragraph 46 article g of the recommendations to CSP10 we would suggest addition the phrase “in a professional and non-politicized manner” so it will read:

Notes the first ad hoc discussion in the Sub-working group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues regarding the “Upholding legal obligations under the ATT: The case of the Palestinian people” and encourages States Parties and other stakeholders to raise further implementation issues on which they seek an ad hoc discussion in the



WGETI, **in a professional and non-politicized manner**, in accordance with the CSP9 decision

4. On page 14 of the document (appears as page 1 of Annex A), as the drafting of the guide was based on a limited number of inputs we suggest a more accurate depiction of the summary with 2 small adjustments replacing the phrase “a picture” with the word “examples” and the addition of the word “some” so that it will read:

This Voluntary Guide to Implementing Articles 6 & 7 of the ATT is a voluntary, non-descriptive, living guidance tool that was developed in the Sub-working Group on Articles 6 & 7 of the ATT Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation and endorsed by States Parties at the Tenth Conference of States Parties. It provides ~~a picture~~ **examples** of how **some** States Parties to the ATT approach the implementation of the Treaty obligations in Articles 6 & 7 and how these obligations are operationalized to support the practice of arms transfer decision-making, with the aim of helping States Parties that are in the process of establishing or improving their national control systems to identify options for approaching the interpretation and application of the obligations in Articles 6 & 7 in their national practice.

5. On page 17 of the document (appears as page 5 of the annex) paragraph 5 under purpose and nature of the guide we suggest the same adjustments - replacing the phrase “a picture” with the word “examples” and the addition of the word “some” so that it will read:

In line with the overall goal of the Voluntary Guide, the purpose of the three chapters is to provide ~~a picture~~ **examples** of how **some** States Parties approach the implementation of the Treaty obligations in Articles 6 & 7 and how these obligations are operationalized to support the practice of arms transfer decision-making.

5. We suggest including an addition to the executive summary of the annex:

“As it concerns a voluntary instrument, the Voluntary Guide does not intend to prescribe, create new norms and standards or establish an agreement on a single interpretation of the obligations in Articles 6 & 7, nor to reinterpret established definitions in international law.”

This line is currently on page 17 of the document, para 6 (page 4 of the guide)

We will provide all our suggestions in writing to the secretariate,



Lastly, it is regrettable and deplorable that we heard a statement that includes false accusations and we categorically reject these accusations.

It is unfortunate that our discussions are being abused instead of focusing on professional and constructive dialogue.

Muchas gracias Embajador,