**Ireland – WGTR Statement**

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Thank you

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union, and would like to offer the following remarks in a national capacity.

First, I would like to thank the Chair of the Working Group, Ms. Andrea Quezada of Chile, as well as the ATT Secretariat for the presentation and your steadfast efforts throughout this this CSP cycle.

Chair,

Ireland is concerned at the record low rate of annual reporting. We reiterate that this legal obligation is a core component of the ATT that is critical for the effective implementation of its operative articles, and serves as an important confidence-building measure. We call on States Parties to fulfil their reporting obligations and to submit timely, accurate, comprehensive and public reporting.

We are encouraged by some of the findings of the 2025 ATT Monitor report, including submissions of overdue annual and initial reports, and the steady rise in compliance with initial reports. However, we note with concern the rise in submission of private reports compared to last year. We would like to underline the significance of non-confidential reporting, as it increases the relevance of reports and facilitates accountability for export decisions.

We recognise that many States Parties continue to experience difficulties meeting their ATT reporting requirements, including due to a lack of capacity and resources, internal coordination challenges, and difficulties in conducting technical assessments. In light of these various challenges, it is important that we continue to work collectively to find ways to overcome these obstacles, to increase the rate and quality of reporting, and, ultimately, contribute to accountability and transparency in the international arms trade.

Chair,

Ireland welcomes the constructive discussions facilitated as part of the first year of the new multi-year work plan for the exchange of national implementation practices regarding transparency, and supports the recommendations found in the report of the Working Group on Transparency & Reporting.

In particular, we hope that an in-depth discussion about sources and means to collect data for reporting purposes, as well as about decision-making on substantive reporting issues, will contribute to a deeper understanding and improving practices towards fulfilling comprehensive reporting.

A survey and assessment of the Information Exchange Platform and the online reporting tool to find ways of improving utilisation of these tools is also timely.

Finally, we continue to encourage discussion of a potential online searchable database, which would go a long way in facilitating information exchange and transparency. We are grateful to ATT Monitor for developing the ATT Monitor Arms Transfers Dashboard, which is a highly relevant and useful resource.

Thank you