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STATEMENT
by Mr. Victor Moraru
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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the *Facilitator on Reporting*, Ambassador Paul Beijer of Sweden, for his comprehensive and analytical *update on the status of state-parties' reporting*.

Having in mind the current discussion on and presented information related to the transparency of reporting, based on the reports already submitted by States, I would like to clarify a certain issue regarding Moldova's annual report. Both the ATT website and the *ATT Monitor* note that my country submitted a report for 2015 and it asked that the report is posted only on the restricted area of the ATT website. In fact, Mr. President, this information is inaccurate since the referred to submission represented a technical error and, subsequently, we asked the ATT Secretariat to remove it from its website. For the sake of clarification, we wish to indicate that the Republic of Moldova's first annual report is due on 31 May 2017. Also, in compliance with the implicit transparency requirement of the Arms Trade Treaty, the national report will be posted publicly on the ATT website.

The Republic of Moldova joins other states in stressing the critical importance of transparency of reporting. We agree that in the course of future work among the States Parties it is likely that further measures may be required to support reporting, and that other issues related to transparency will be raised. Therefore, we welcome and support the proposal submitted by Sweden on the creation of a *Working Group on Reporting and Transparency*.

Mr. President,

We appreciate Ambassador Paul Beijer's latest work on the *reporting templates*.

My delegation thanks the *ATT Working Group on Reporting Templates* and the *Facilitator on Reporting* both for important overall contribution and the submission of Conference Working Papers 5 and 6 (ATT/CSP2/2016/WP.5 and WP.6).

As a State-Party that has yet to present the initial and annual ATT reports, the Republic of Moldova takes special interest in these documents.

Also, we welcome the *Working Paper* (ATT/CSP2/2016/OP.3) submitted by Sweden which proposes a number of possible national-level measures aimed at facilitating compliance with different international reporting obligations in the area of conventional arms.

Thank you, Mr. President.