



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Statement by the Netherlands

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Transparency and Reporting

Thank you Mr. Chair.

The Netherlands aligns itself with the EU statement and would like to make some additional remarks in its national capacity.

The Netherlands would like start by thanking Sweden and Mexico for all their efforts and considerable progress made on transparency and reporting. Those provide an excellent basis for further discussion. As a result, the Netherlands fully supports the recommendations made in the co-chairs draft report to CSP3. The establishment of working group on Transparency and Reporting as a standing working group is an important step to assist States Parties with their reporting obligations.

More specifically, we will take at heart the document in Annex B on 'National-Level Measures' to strengthen our own national process, and we believe it may help in further identifying synergies in reporting on the national level, which can then be used to support synergies on the regional and international level.

Also, we would like to thank Belgium for their efforts in creating a *Questions and Answers* document, which in our view, should be endorsed by the Conference.

Finally, as mentioned by the Netherlands under the agenda-item about the Treaty's implementation we support the Swedish proposal to work with a fixed meeting schedule in order to maximize the participation of export control experts from capital. We also support the idea of making translation services (Spanish and French) available for this working group's meetings.

Thank you Mr. Chair.