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Thank you President, and thank you, too, to Ambassador Sanchez of Spain for his valuable work as co-chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation.

As foreshadowed in our general debate statement, I'm pleased to briefly share more information about enhancements that New Zealand made to its export controls regime. These changes came into effect in May this year, and respond to the recommendations of an independent review of our regime, and a series of public consultations.

In the interests of time, I wish to raise three key highlights:

1. To provide clarity of purpose for our export controls regime, we have adopted a public **purpose statement**. This makes clear the Government's expectation that New Zealand is a responsible exporter, and that our exports do not, quote, "contribute to human rights abuses or the contravention of international humanitarian law."
2. We refreshed our **assessment criteria**, against which we assess the risks posed by a potential export, and determine whether to approve a permit application. Flowing from our purpose statement, the criteria include an assessment of the impact the export is expected to have on peace, security and stability; and whether it is consistent with international obligations and agreed policies, including, quote, "guidelines and best practices adopted at meetings of states party to the Arms Trade Treaty".
3. We will be more open and **transparent**. This includes more targeted guidance and publishing of an annual report on export control activity, in addition to reporting obligations under the ATT.

More information can be found on our dedicated export controls website.

My delegation believes these enhancements reflect our strong commitment to this Treaty and to ensuring its full and ongoing implementation. Having

now completed this important step, we will be updating our initial report accordingly.

I thank you.