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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your assumption of the Chairmanship of the Second Conference of States Parties (CSP2) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), and would also like to express my sincere appreciation to your team and the Secretariat for preparing and organizing this very important meeting.

The First Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP1) in 2015 and the Extraordinary Meeting in 2016 contributed to laying the groundwork for the implementation of the ATT. These meetings have led to a substantive discussion on the administrative arrangements and structure of the Secretariat, which would establish a firm basis for the Treaty. Building on these efforts, this meeting will provide an opportunity to take a meaningful step toward the effective implementation and universalization of the Treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

As one of the original signatories to the ATT, the Republic of Korea is firmly convinced that the ATT will contribute to a more responsible arms trade and thereby to international peace and security. As a strong supporter of the full implementation and the universalization of the Treaty, we would like to stress the following.

First, confidence building among states is of great importance for the enduring implementation of the Treaty. In this regard, it is very important that the CSP2 this week yield constructive and fruitful results on the reporting process and template in order to enhance transparency in arms transfer.

Second, international efforts for the successful implementation of the Treaty should be examined in relation to other international norms and instruments on conventional arms. In this context, the Republic of Korea and Australia have been jointly tabling the UN General Assembly resolution on “Preventing and Combating Illicit Brokering Activities” since the 63rd Session. The Republic of Korea is also actively participating in the 2016 Group of Governmental Experts on the UNRCA and the Biennial Meeting of States (BMS5) on the UN Programme of Action (PoA), to reinforce international norms and instruments on the regulation of arms trade.

Last but not least, Article 6 of the Treaty stipulates that states parties shall not authorize any transfer of conventional arms that violates the measures imposed by the UN Security Council acting under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to UN Security Council

Resolution 2270 whose provisions prohibit the transfer of all arms and related material, including small arms and light weapons, to and from North Korea. Furthermore, Resolution 2270 obligates states to exercise a catch-all control on conventional arms related material, and bans all military, paramilitary or police related training in this regard. Illegal transfers of conventional weapons by North Korea is posing a grave threat both to regional security and to the global norm on the trade of arms, and we would like to draw the special attention of all state parties to the ATT to the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2270.

Mr. Chairman,

We must remember that it is each and every state that is primarily responsible for the effective implementation of the ATT. As for Korea, upon revising the *Foreign Trade Act* and its enforcement ordinance, we have successfully completed the necessary amendment of national laws and regulations on conventional arms trade, and are now at the very last stage of the ratification process.

The Republic of Korea reiterates its pledge to exert sincere efforts for the success of the conference and for the full implementation and universalization of the Treaty. We also express our hope that the ATT will serve as a living treaty that will continue to strengthen international cooperation and efforts in the fields of disarmament and non-proliferation. Thank you.

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