

NIGERIA'S INTERVENTION ON THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

Co-Chairs

My delegation appreciates the Secretariat for the great work in compiling and presenting an insightful Report. We also commend the invaluable efforts of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting for the extensive works done in the intersessional period between CSP4 and CSP5. My delegation takes note of the report and the recommendations as presented.

Co-Chairs,

2. Promotion of Transparency and Reporting of Imports and Exports of Conventional Arms by State Parties is key to the implementation of the ATT and indeed the attainment of its noble objectives. It is pertinent to note that non-reporting or lack of transparency in reporting is promoting proliferation of arms globally and their negative consequential effects of arms conflict and human sufferings.

3. It is worthy of note that lack of capacity could be responsible for failure of some State Parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations. In this regard, we welcome the support of the ATT in strengthening capacity development of State Parties to meeting their Reporting obligation. It is also recommended that the Secretariat should deepen efforts on sensitisation, especially in regions where compliance seems to be challenging.

4. Finally, we welcome the efforts of the Secretariat in introducing the online Reporting tools which we believe will assist States in filling in their reports. We also support the recommendation of the Working Group on promotion of a system of practical bilateral assistance on reporting (peer-to-peer).

5. Thank you.