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STATEMENT OF SLOVENIA

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Mr. President, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President, allow me to congratulate you and your team for the work you have undertaken during the past months in the process leading up to this Conference.

In addition to the statement delivered / to be delivered by the European Union, I would like to contribute to this important discussion by pointing-out some additional perspectives in my national capacity.

Slovenia considers it important that this year a thematic discussion on Gender and Gender Based Violence was held at the outset of the conference. In this connection, we support the draft decision on Gender and Gender Based Violence, presented by you Mr. President. In addition, Slovenia believes that the collection of gender-disaggregated data can provide more information about the differing impact of armed violence on men and boys, women and girls. We also believe that gender related issues should be viewed across all aspects of the Treaty, and not only within the context of Articles 6 and 7.

Mr. President, I wish to reiterate Slovenia's support for full implementation and universalization of the Arms Trade Treaty. In this connection, we would like to welcome the latest ratifications by Suriname, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Palau, Lebanon, Botswana and Canada and call on all observer States and States not party to the Treaty to ratify or accede to it as early as possible.

We are concerned that in the last reporting period a significant number of States Parties have not fulfilled their reporting obligations. In this regard, we welcome the introduction of the online reporting tool and hope it will provide additional means to submit reports and advance transparency.

Slovenia urges all States Parties, which have not yet done so, to settle their financial obligations as soon as possible. Timely payment of annual assessed contributions is of utmost importance and is prerequisite for the sustainability of the ATT.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to reiterate my delegation`s full commitment to actively participate in the discussions and our support for the work of the Conference.

Thank you Mr. President