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Mr. Chair

In our view, the lively discussions in the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation and its sub-groups between CSP4 and CSP5 helped to make progress in some of the implementation topics. Especially with regard to substance, we consider the drafting of the “Voluntary Basic Guide to Establishing a National Control System” as an essential step forward in the work on the implementation of Article 5.

The guide gives a good overview and supports States Parties that are still in the process of implementing their national control systems. Thus, we welcome the guide submitted to the CSP for validation.

Since the major work on Article 5 is – for now – completed, we support the Chair’s proposal to temporarily discontinue the work on Article 5. We welcome the idea of addressing the implementation of Article 9, as transit countries are exposed to specific risks, for example related to diversion.

In this regard, we agree that a medium-term plan would be an appropriate tool to guide possible work on Article 9. Therefore, we would support shifting the focus from Article 5 to Article 9 and encourage the CSP to take the Chair’s proposal into consideration.

With regard to the Sub-Group on Articles 6 and 7, we welcome the work achieved so far within these Articles.

In our opinion, the submitted “List of Possible Reference Documents to Be Used by States Parties in Conducting Risk Assessments under Article 7” is a helpful tool for States Parties and we therefore support its validation by the CSP.

In addition, while further work on gender-based violence seems necessary, the discussion so far has been very useful, contributed to a better understanding of that aspect in our work and thereby fostered the implementation of the ATT.

Nevertheless, our work in these two Articles is far from being concluded. A number of key aspects for the implementation of Articles 6 and 7 remain to be clarified. For instance, we should continue to discuss key concepts notably of Paragraph 3 of Article 6 as well as the evaluation of “overriding risk” and possible mitigation measures in Article 7.



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In this regard, we welcome the development of a multi-year work plan to take work on these articles forward.

Regarding the implementation of Article 11, we agree with the Chair that there is still work to be done. For this reason, the submitted multi-year work plan will be an important guideline for further work on Article 11 as the scope of the work plan addresses the essential aspects of this Article.

We believe that the development of a voluntary guide on end use and end user documentation that would serve as a repository of State Practice should be taken into consideration by the CSP. Such a guide would help to determine and to discuss the common essential parts of relevant documentation in the scope of Article 11. Therefore, we support the proposal to encourage State Parties to share information on their end use/r documentation through the ATT Secretariat.

Lastly, we welcome the documents put forward by the Working Group. They provide a solid basis for further work and we welcome their posting on the ATT-Website.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.