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Arms Trade Treaty Working Group Meetings February 2022 Working Group on Transparency and Reporting

Dear Co-Chairs

Let me first of all express Switzerland's gratitude for your much appreciated work in light of the still unfavourable circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Switzerland strongly encourages State Parties to not only submit their reports according to the obligation defined in Article 13 of the Treaty, but also to make their reports publicly available and to use the online reporting tool for submitting their reports. This not only improves transparency, but also allows for an easier comparison of the data submitted.

Concerning <u>agenda item 2, recurring task 5</u> of the draft annotated agenda: Switzerland would like to express its support for the suggested amendments of the "FAQ"-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligations (Annex A of the introductory paper issued by the WGTR for the February 2022 meeting).

Thank you, Co-chairs