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Working Group Report

Mr. President

Switzerland considers transparency with regard to the implementation of the ATT a major step towards mutual trust. Since the ATT does not have a verification mechanism, we need to timely and thoroughly report on both, the ATT implementation progress and the annual exports and imports in order to build trust and to monitor adherence with the Treaty.

Against this background, Switzerland supports the recommendations of the dedicated Working Group as stipulated in the Co-Chair's report. We welcome in particular adding compliance with reporting obligations to the Agenda of the CSP.

In the long-term, it is important to enable over-time and cross-country comparison of the data provided by each State Party. The UNROCA-Database being a technical example on how such analysis could be done, we can see that there are still challenges with the correctness and reliability of the reported data. It would be beneficial if this Working Group would also address such challenges with regard to reported data under the ATT reporting mechanisms in the future.

Lastly, we would like to express our warmest thanks to Amb. Beijer, not only for his very able chairing and co-chairing of the working group and his contribution by being the lead author of the reporting templates. We want to thank him also for his commitment to export controls in general, especially in the ATT context but also in the divers other contexts, in which Amb. Beijer left a mark. Amb. Beijer, dear Paul, this CSP being your last ATT meeting, my delegation and I myself wish you all the best for your future.

Thank you, Mr. President.