Transparency and Reporting

Thank you Madam President

The UK continues to place great importance on our transparency and reporting obligations under the ATT and other complementary instruments such as the UN Register of Conventional Arms. Regular and effective reporting of our arms transfer activity is important to promote both accountability, and confidence building, contributing to the ATT's objectives. We thank the Secretariat for their report on Transparency and Reporting.

The UK has been a major supplier of vital military support and equipment to the armed forces of Ukraine, to enable Ukraine to defend itself and its sovereignty in the face of Russia's brutal and illegal war of aggression. That has entailed additional procedures that have impacted on our ATT reporting. In particular, we have been required to report to the UK Parliament on the equipment and support provided in advance of our wider public reporting obligations. This has unfortunately resulted in a late return of our reporting for 2022.

Moreover, the information on equipment provided to Ukraine has been collected cumulatively since the start of the conflict rather than by calendar year and with less additional detail than we aspire to provide. While work has begun to provide the information in line with the rest of our reporting, it was not possible to do this in advance of this Conference. We therefore took the decision to provide what is available at this time and will submit an edited report once the necessary updates have been made. This will only amend information related to equipment sent to Ukraine in military support.

Despite these challenges, the UK continues to explore additional ways to make progress in our reporting. This includes both our exports and our imports, on which we are pleased to be able to report on this year, in part. We will look to build on this, where possible, in future years, and encourage other states parties to similarly explore ways to improve the quality and regularity of their own reporting.