

<u>GCAL - Oral Intervention to Work Plan Sub-Working Group on</u> <u>Articles 6 & 7</u>

Thank you, Mr. Moderator

At the outset, we want to note that this is a joint intervention from the Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments, which includes organizations from Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Maat for peace development and Human Rights Association.

We thank you for the presentation you gave yesterday about transit and transshipment by sea, and we want to stress the importance of shedding light on the process of transferring weapons by sea because the process of transferring weapons to conflict countries does not have any kind of controls or regulations and we all know that the process of transferring weapons to conflict countries exacerbates conflicts, and humanity pays the price for it

The real problem is that there are efforts to establish global controls, but there is a gap in implementation. There are illegal transfers of weapons by sea to Yemen without any monitoring and evaluation of those weapons. It should be noted that these weapons were used in the Iranian language on the explanatory labels affixed to the boxes.

The process of regulating these operations is complex, and during our participation in the informal consultations of the third session of the Open-

ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Drafting the Content of an International Regulatory Framework, we referred to the various operations of the illegal transfer of arms across the sea through private security companies and demanded the need to engage the states parties to the Arms Trade Treaty in order to be able to define a clear operational regulatory framework and also to strengthen the international cooperation process

Mr. Moderator

We appreciate the efforts and proposals made by yesterday's event on "post-shipment controls" organized by Germany, Canada, and Switzerland, in which they presented practical technological efforts in the framework of follow-up and evaluation, which could be an opportunity to exploit such points in the control and monitoring process in the operations of the arms trade to countries affected by armed conflict

The second point that the Global Coalition wants to highlight is the lack of private sector participation in the discussions and sessions that sit within the framework of implementing and activating the Arms Trade Treaty.

Therefore, the Global Coalition takes advantage of the opportunity to coordinate an informal session to discuss the controls and transfer of arms to countries affected by armed conflicts. Taking into consideration that the agenda of that session includes the risks and challenges, and the subject of language and its impact on illegal transfers across the sea.

The Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments across all affiliated organizations from Africa, Europe, Asia, and Latin America can organize sessions and informal discussions with private sector companies for discussion, and This is to promote the objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty