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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

The ATT Monitor commends the Working Group and the ATT Secretariat for their continued dedication to providing resources and guidance on reporting during the intersessional period leading up to CSP10. We fully support the collective efforts to enhance compliance with reporting obligations, ensuring that all States Parties can submit complete, accurate, and timely reports.

Almost a decade after the Treaty came into force, the decline in transparency levels remains a significant challenge. Our 2024 report highlights a concerning trend: the number of meaningfully transparent reports continues to decrease each year.

For the 2022 reports, the ATT Monitor notes that only 14 States Parties are champions of transparency, and of these, only four stand out as exceptionally transparent. We are particularly concerned that States with a strong record of annual reporting have still not submitted their 2023 annual reports.

On a more positive note, we are pleased to see that some States have resumed submitting public reports this year, such as Botswana, Finland, Madagascar, Panama, and Slovenia. We also note that Suriname submitted an annual report for the first time and made it public. Another encouraging development is the decrease in the number of confidential reports, which we hope will become a positive trend.

We commend the Working Group and the ATT Secretariat for the steps taken under the "regional reporting champions" initiative and the outreach strategy on reporting. These initiatives have significant potential to support countries struggling to meet their reporting obligations, and we encourage more States to join these efforts, including those that the ATT Monitor considers champions of transparency.

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to all Treaty stakeholders who participated in our recent consultations on the arms transfers dashboard developed by the Monitor, which will be officially published on our website during the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in October of this year.

We are confident that this transparency tool will become a valuable resource and look forward to hearing from States Parties on how the dashboard can contribute to advancing transparency within the framework of the Treaty.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.