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Intervention on the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF)

President,

Australia strongly supports the Diversion Information Exchange Forum. It provides an invaluable opportunity for States to share examples of diversion and diversion attempts. The lessons learned by the presenting States can provide useful insights on how to prevent diversion and highlight important elements of export control systems.

The interconnectedness of the global trade in arms means that States also need to be connected in our efforts to reduce diversion. Where there are weaknesses, these weaknesses will be exploited by those with nefarious intent.

We welcome existing and effective cooperation on diversion. This takes place via a range of channels and fora separate to the ATT. But there is still much to be done.

Australia supports continued development of mechanisms to share information on diversion. The DIEF is a convenient way to do this at CSPs. We also support improving information sharing on diversion within regions, and within groups of States Parties - some already have information-sharing arrangements on matters such as the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons.

It could also be useful to consider a dedicated sponsorship program for licensing and enforcement personnel to encourage greater participation of those with frontline export control experience.

President,

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For many reasons, Australia is committed to the universalisation of the treaty, but it is clear that the goal of universalisation is one which is intrinsically linked to the prevention of diversion. As such, Australia continues to encourage states in our region and beyond to join the ATT.

Thank you.

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