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**ATT CSP10**

**Australia**

**Intervention on Interagency Cooperation**

President,

We commend you for selecting interagency cooperation as the theme for CSP10. We agree that it can play an important role in effective treaty implementation and the ability to ensure responsible and transparent international transfers of conventional arms.

President,

In our General Statement we referred to the importance of interagency cooperation in the production of high quality reporting which assists in fulfilling the treaty's annual reporting obligations. For Australia this means the agency to which I belong – the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - reaching out to colleagues in other federal agencies. We work collaboratively with those agencies to obtain the necessary data to allow submission of Australia's annual report by the deadline each year. We are cognisant of the positive benefits that flow from an informed dialogue between relevant agencies - when we take the time to exchange perspectives with one another so that we best understand how to deliver on our obligations.

As you have identified, frequent changes in personnel involved in interagency cooperation for ATT implementation can be a challenge.

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Your paper also noted the challenge of differing levels of available resources and capacity among the various government entities which play a role in implementation of the ATT. In attempting to manage these challenges we work hard to build person-to person relationships at the working level – smooth communication at this level can go a long way.

Our intergovernmental processes see representatives working in a community of interest regularly gather to discuss issues where there is a joint purpose. Coordinating effort in this way means a more efficient use of resources and better implementation of the ATT.

Thank you.

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