



Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Thank you Chair,

First of all, my delegation would like to thank Ms. Andrea Quezada of Chile for taking up this leading role in this important working group on transparency and reporting. Thanks for all your time and preparation efforts. Next to this, my delegation would like to thank Mr. Tom Nijs for his long-term and constant guidance and contribution to the objectives of the ATT and your valuable presentations, and also the ATT Monitor presentation for all their work in promoting ATT reporting and transparency.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to make some remarks in our national capacity.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands continues to believe that transparency is fundamentally important to have a meaningful exchange of experiences on arms export control and tracking progress towards full treaty implementation. Therefore, the Kingdom of the Netherlands always strives for maximum transparency in this respect, and to underline our commitment we consistently report to the ATT and UNROCA. In addition we also publish regular up-to-date overviews on all licenses granted and denied, including information on the type of goods, destination country and if applicable the reason for the denial. We also publish an annual national report on export controls on strategic goods.

Unfortunately, and again, we witness a continued downward trend in reporting. As we have previously done, we call on all state parties that have to submit the required reports on time. We also encourage states to submit as much information publicly as possible.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the decision of the WGTR chair **not** to write a new introductory paper for this years' working group discussions, but to directly start these in-depth discussions concerning the importance of transparency and reporting. Especially in light of recent geopolitical developments progress in this working group remains both vital as it is much needed.

As the Kingdom of the Netherlands attaches great value to transparency and reporting, we have been supporting different initiatives both contributing to transparency and reporting in their own way. We would like to thank both Control Arms and the Stimson Centre for all their work on these vital ATT-subjects and look forward to their future efforts in support of increased transparency.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore also supports the ATT EU Outreach Project, led by German BAFA and Expertise France, which continues to aim to strengthen the ATT transparency and reporting efforts.

We feel that it is possible to have a thriving defense industry and corresponding exports while maintaining a high level of transparency, accountability and democratic legitimacy surrounding the trade of conventional arms. We stand ready to share our experiences with all our ATT-partners and work together towards a world in responsible and transparent arms trade.

Thank you.