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<u>Annex:</u> introductory paper of the WGTR co-chairs

Opening and adoption of the draft annotated agenda

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to share remarks about this draft annotated agenda and to propose additional agenda items under AOB.

1. State of play of compliance with reporting obligations

Under this agenda item, the ATT Secretariat will give a general overview of the reporting status, and of the progress that has been made in comparison to the previous status update.

2. Challenges concerning reporting

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will first have the opportunity to share any problems and difficulties, as well as solutions and good practices, in the organization and fulfilment of their reporting obligations. Particularly States Parties that have not yet (completely) complied with their reporting obligations are urged to share the obstacles that have kept them from reporting.

Further, States Parties will be invited to express their interest in offering basic support to other States Parties on reporting.

Concerning the __"Outreach strategy on reporting"__, States Parties, civil society and regional organizations will be asked to brief WGTR participants about any informative sessions or promotion events on reporting that they have held in the past year, and about any other initiative focused on enhancing compliance with the reporting duties, such as the implementation of VTF projects. The President, members of the Bureau, and the ATT Secretariat will also be asked to brief WGTR participants on any initiative, outreach or information-sharing they have undertaken.

*Concerning the **'FAQ'-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligation**, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to submit and discuss potential proposals for alterations or additional questions and answers, including on the issue of categorizing items in the correct categories of conventional arms.*

*Concerning the **review of the reporting templates**, WGTR participants will have a first opportunity to share their lessons learned in using the templates and their suggestions on how the templates could substantively better support efficient, effective and transparent reporting. Civil society is also invited to present their analysis of the templates and their use under this agenda item.*

*Concerning the **role of industry in supporting States Parties to comply with their reporting obligations**, representatives from industry and civil society will have a panel discussion on this topic, followed by a discussion [to be confirmed].*

3. Substantive reporting and transparency issues

Under this agenda item WGTR participants will first have the opportunity to raise substantive issues concerning the Treaty's reporting obligations that could benefit from consideration by the WGTR.

*Concerning the **classification of conventional arms within the Harmonized System on the customs classification of goods**, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to share any past or present projects they have been involved in to amend the Harmonized System in the field of conventional arms. Further, States Parties will be invited to to express their interest in working with the co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat to prepare a concept note setting out the parameters for a possible proposal to amend the Harmonized System in 2027.*

4. Organizational means for information exchange

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the general opportunity to propose and discuss mechanisms, processes or formats facilitating the information exchanges that are required or encouraged by the Treaty, both on the policy level, as well as on the operational level (see also agenda item 6).

*Concerning the **informal meeting among interested States Parties and signatory States to discuss concrete cases of detected or suspected diversion**, States will be invited to express their interest in holding such an informal meeting during the week of the April working group meetings.*

*Concerning **follow-up mechanisms on the initial and annual reports**, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to share their views on the desirability and feasibility of the ideas that are included in the introductory paper of the co-chairs for this meeting.*

5. Harnessing information generated by mandatory reporting

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to present projects to harness information from the initial and annual reports in a manner that allows follow-up on these reports, for example in the WGETI (see also agenda item 6).

6. IT platform: reporting and transparency functionalities

Under this agenda item, the ATT Secretariat will give a presentation about the new ATT website, including on the state of affairs of the information exchange platform (the online reporting functionality will be presented during the 4 April 2019 meeting).

Further, participants will be invited to express their interest in participating in the informal consultative group to support the ATT Secretariat on the enhancement of the IT platform.

*Concerning the **provision of a livestream or video recording of meetings of the CSP and/or its subsidiary bodies on the ATT website**, participants will have the opportunity to share their views.*

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