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Thank you, Madame President.

In addition to the statement(s) delivered by the EU, my delegation would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

First, I would like to express our appreciation for the work undertaken so far. The Call for Proposals and the online consultations with States Parties, signatory and observer States, international and regional organizations, civil society, research institutions and industry have resulted in an inclusive and efficient process for identifying the necessary strategic building blocks for the 5-year strategy. We thank the Secretariat for the consolidated report with the principal findings of this process

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the strong focus on the practical implementation of the Treaty, in particular the application of Articles 6 and 7. These provisions are at the core of the Treaty's added value and constitute the most concrete obligations for States Parties to implement in their national control systems.

As a Gender Focal Point to another conventional arms instruments in the past, and recognising the importance of gender within the implementation of the ATT, my delegation welcomes the integration of gender as a cross-cutting theme in the strategy. The structural incorporation of a gender perspective in the Treaty's implementation, in its meetings and in its practical application is of key importance. In this regard, we also encourage that the ATT Gender Focal Points – Spain, Mexico and Togo – continue to play an active and visible role in the development and implementation of the strategy.

Finally, we would like to underline the importance of ensuring that the strategy builds on existing mechanisms, improves coherence across ATT bodies and workstreams, promotes efficiency and avoids duplication of work.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands looks forward to receiving draft elements of the five-year strategy in due course.

Thank you.