**ATT Working Group Meetings**

**Geneva February 2025**

**Australia - Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR)**

Thank you, Facilitator.

Australia would like to thank you for bringing focus to the important topic of transparency and reporting in the ATT.

We welcome the list of practical implementation questions to guide States Parties’ engagement on this topic, as welcomed by CSP10 as part of the multi-year workplan for the WGTR.

As the Chair’s paper makes clear, reporting is a mandatory obligation under the ATT. We commend Guatemala for submitting all of its annual reports. As a State Party that has also submitted all its annual reports, we understand the level of coordination and work this requires and appreciate the efforts undertaken. We encourage other States who have not yet submitted their annual reports to do so. Past reports are always welcome, as they help to build a clearer picture of state practice in implementing the ATT. We likewise encourage States Parties to make their initial and annual reports publicly available.

Thank you to the Secretariat for the update on reporting rates. We are concerned that reporting rates remain low and understand that reporting remains a challenge.

Australia welcomes efforts by civil society, including the Stimson Center, to understand in detail the reporting challenges that States face.

Thank you also to UNIDIR for your presentation on reporting earlier this week, including the reminder that annual reports are due on 31 May. The ideas for better, more effective and timely reporting shared at your side event will feed into our work in the ATT and contribute to Australia’s work as the Transparency Measures Coordinator in the Convention on Cluster Munitions. There are clear synergies between the ATT and reporting obligations under other arms control frameworks. The question is how we can better leverage these synergies to improve reporting rates, and content.

Turning now to another type of transparency, Australia is interested to understand how updates by the Secretariat to its information management could potentially enhance ATT efforts. These could include, for example, notifications of when reports are updated or added to the website. Other ideas may include the inclusion of submission dates of reports, a searchable database of initial reports, and other possible user-friendly enhancements.

We welcome the ATT Monitor’s ATT Arms Transfers Dashboard and the prior work of the ATT Baseline Assessment project. The Dashboard provides information on global, regional and bilateral trade. The synthesises of information helps us better understand the global arms trade.

Transparency assists in the achievement of the object and purpose of our treaty. There is no one size fits all; what we must do is work together to lift our individual and collective efforts.

Thank you.