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The Philippines assures its fellow State Parties of its continuing commitment to value transparency through the timely submission of its annual reports as mandated by Article 13. The Philippines firmly believes that transparency serves as a crucial factor in inspiring confidence in upholding treaty obligations by allowing states to benchmark their data and implement and coordinate regulatory adjustments for more effective controls to prevent and address the illicit transfers of conventional arms.

In line with this commitment, the Philippines' Department of Trade and Industry – Strategic Trade Management Office has taken proactive steps by establishing an e-licensing platform. This platform functions as a comprehensive one-stop-shop for strategic trade matters, encompassing the application and assessment of authorizations or licenses. Additionally, it serves as a platform for inter-agency information sharing and streamlines the reporting process, in line with our whole-of-government approach, ensuring compliance with various nonproliferation treaties, including the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

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As the global landscape evolves with the rapid integration of digitized processes that provide a faster, more digitized means for facilitating strategic trade, the Philippines believes that compliance with transparency and reporting should be augmented by capacity-building measures for digitization to improve State Parties' overall regulatory capacities and compliance with the ATT.

In conclusion, the Philippines remains steadfast in its dedication to transparency, reporting, and the pursuit of initiatives that bolster compliance with reporting obligations. We firmly believe that a concerted effort to embrace digitization, coupled with capacity-building measures, will reinforce the foundation of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting, contributing to the collective success of State Parties in fulfilling their commitments under the ATT.