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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to you, Ambassador FORADORI, and your team, for your strong leadership and your efforts to promote the implementation of the ATT. I also commend the Chairs and the Facilitators of the Working Groups for their efforts, as well as the ISU for their work in organizing this Conference. I assure you of the continued full support of my delegation.

Under the current international circumstances, the role the Treaty plays in the safe and secure management of conventional weapons is becoming increasingly important, and it is essential that all States Parties continue to strictly comply with the Treaty. In this regard, the active exchange of views during the Working Group Meetings held in February, including on practices in implementing the Treaty, was meaningful.

Mr. President,

With this in mind, allow me to express the views of my delegation on matters to be discussed during the Conference.

First, Japan appreciates the work of the Management Committee in producing the Review of the revised Programme of Work. We believe that substantive discussions have been conducted effectively and efficiently during the CSP10 and CSP11 cycles. We are generally supportive of the Review, and welcome efforts to explore ways to further streamline the work under the Treaty and to improve cost-effectiveness.

Second, Japan appreciates and supports Mexico's initiative to establish Gender Focal Points. It is important to incorporate a gender perspective into the implementation of Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty in a concrete manner. Further, Japan places great importance on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, and we believe that the establishment of Gender Focal Points is aligned with the spirit of the WPS.

Third, universalization remains an important issue for the ATT, and we appreciate the President's proactive efforts in this regard. Japan places particular emphasis on universalizing the ATT in the Asia-Pacific region and has consistently been engaging and sharing information on the Treaty with non-State Parties in the region. Japan, together with Australia, organized an outreach event for Pacific Island States in April in support of the President's efforts. The Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF), for which Japan serves as a Committee member, is a useful tool, and we encourage non-State Parties to make use of the VTF. We would like to once again call on all non-State Parties to join the Treaty at the earliest possible date.

Lastly, at CSP10, Japan endorsed A Political Declaration, led by the UK, marking the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty. In this context, Japan appreciates the UK's initiative towards elaborating a 5-year strategy to identify our common endeavors under the ATT, and is ready to participate constructively in discussions on this matter. Japan remains committed to strengthening the implementation of the ATT in a proactive manner.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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