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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you following the latest round of virtual open, informal consultations held on 26 March 2021 as part of the preparations of the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (BMS7) to be convened from 26 to 30 July 2021 in New York.

Throughout the consultations, I took note of the constructive views expressed by all States on the BMS7 agenda. Based on these inputs and with a view to achieving a consensus prior to commencement of our substantive work, I have revised agenda items B and C as outlined below.

The below proposal represents my best efforts to integrate the views of all States.

Proposed agenda

- A. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, at the national level, the regional level, and the global level, including considerations to preventing and combating the diversion and the illicit international transfer of small arms and light weapons to unauthorized recipients.
- B. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including an exchange of views and consideration of recent developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology, design and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument.
- C. Consideration of international cooperation and assistance, comprising national, regional and global target-setting as well as capacity-building for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including the proposal on the establishment of a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons.
- D. Decision on agenda of BMS8
- E. Other issues and topics of relevance for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

As I indicated at the close of the consultations on 26 March, I wish to place the above proposal under silence procedure for 7 days in the hope that delegations can exercise maximum flexibility and that we may attain a consensus.

I wish to inform that **delegations will have until Wednesday, 7 April 2021, 6pm (EST) to raise any objections to the above-proposed agenda and may do so by emailing conventionalarms-unoda@un.org**. If no objection is raised within this time period, I will consider the proposal agreed.

I sincerely thank delegations in advance for their flexibility and constructive engagement in this crucial process. I look forward to initiating our substantive discussions following the finalization of the agenda.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



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