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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you following our informal consultation of 5 May 2022. The consultation offered an opportunity for delegations to review elements of a “zero draft” of an outcome document for the 8th Biennial Meeting of States (BMS8) 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 and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.

I thank every delegation for its active participation at the last consultation and for offering additional elements and views to strengthen the “zero draft”. I am pleased to share with you hereto attached, a revised version, “Zero Draft2”. In this version I tried to capture all the useful and relevant inputs that were made orally or submitted to me in writing. In addition, in an effort to maintain consistency with agreed language, I drew language from past PoA meetings, in particular, BMS7, to strengthen the text. Accordingly, in “Zero Draft2” you will note a reformulation of several points. I have also added texts in the “Way Forward” sections, where delegations were able to offer inputs.

I strongly encourage all delegations to review the “Zero Draft2” in preparation of the next informal consultation which will take place on **18 May 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, to which you are all invited. This informal consultation will be held in a virtual format. A technical note and a link to the meeting are circulated alongside this letter.

Looking forward to working with you all. Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enrique Manalo'.

Enrique Manalo
Permanent Representative

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