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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you following our informal consultation of 18 May 2022 at which we were able to review the elements of the “Zero draft 2” 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.

Following our constructive and enriching informal consultations and based on the written comments received from delegations, I have further refined the zero draft of the outcome document with more concrete language. Accordingly, I am pleased to share with you the “Zero Draft 3” hereto attached. In line with your proposal and to maintain consistency with previously agreed language of the PoA meetings, the “Zero Draft 3” mainly draws language from BMS7.

Mindful that the draft is still work in progress, I strongly encourage all delegations to review the “Zero Draft 3” and I look forward to hearing your feedback during the next informal consultations which will take place on **31 May 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The informal consultations 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.

Sincerely,

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

ENRIQUE A. MANALO
Permanent Representative

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