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Excellency,

I write to you today with regards to the Eight 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 (BMS8), to be convened from 27 June to 1 July 2022 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Following our constructive and enriching informal consultations on 24 June, and the written inputs I have received, I was able to further refine the draft for an outcome document in line with your proposals. I would like to thank all delegations for their constructive inputs and active participation in this process which has enabled me to further develop the document into a "Zero Draft 6".

I am pleased to share with you "Zero Draft 6" which will form the basis of our work at BMS8 and we will continue to further develop the draft during the BMS8 week.

With a view to further narrow divergencies which still seem to persist on various issues, I have decided not to issue this version as a conference room paper. I hope that we can make further progress in finding compromises, where necessary, early next week. To achieve this, I will likely hold further informal consultations on the draft document during the course of next week. The schedule of these informal consultations will be announced in plenary.

I encourage all delegations to raise key points during those consultations and submit their written inputs on "Zero Draft 6" to conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

I look forward to working with you all in our joint efforts towards a successful BMS8.

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

Handwritten signature of Enrique A. Manalo in black ink.

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Permanent Representative and
BMS8 Chair-designate

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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