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Excellency,

I am pleased to invite you to the next open informal consultations in preparation for the Eighth 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. These consultations will be held virtually via MS Teams on **Tuesday, 14 June, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** A technical note and the link to the meeting will be circulated alongside this letter.

The main objective of these consultations is to continue our deliberations and exchange of views on "Draft 4" of what could become the outcome document for BMS8. Following our constructive and enriching informal consultations and based on the written comments received from delegations, I was able to refine the draft in line with your proposals.

I attach "Draft 4" of the Outcome Document as an Annex to this letter. Mindful that the draft is still work in progress, I wish to stress that it is important that we do as much work as we can to advance our work on the document prior to BMS8. As such, I look forward to hearing your feedback at the next informal consultations during which delegations will be given the opportunity to comment on the draft section by section. I also invite all delegations to submit any edits or written comments on "Draft 4" by **Wednesday, 15 June, COB** (New York time).

The consultations and your written inputs will allow me and my team to develop one more draft before BMS8. With this in mind, I propose that we base our work at BMS8 on what will, at that stage, be "Draft 5".

I would also like to remind delegations to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument by the extended deadline of 15 June 2022.

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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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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