ELEMENTS OF AN OPEN ENDED TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP

LANGUAGE FOR DISCUSSION

I. Recommendation

Member States recommend that the UN General Assembly at its 78th Session decides to establish an Open-ended Technical Expert Group with the following mandate, modalities, funding and time frame.

II. Mandate

The Expert Group will have the following mandate:

(a) To assess means of ensuring the effective implementation of the ITI, including its Paragraph 7 in relation to polymer small arms and light weapons;

(b) To assess means of ensuring that the provisions of the ITI related to marking, record-keeping, and cooperation in tracing can be effectively implemented for modular small arms and light weapons;

(c) To assess the challenges posed by the 3D printing of small arms, light weapons to the effective implementation of the ITI and the Programme of Action (PoA), including PoA provisions related to small arms manufacturing and the international transfer of small arms and light weapons, including the transfer of information facilitating small arms and light weapons production.

(d) To consider any other new developments in small arms and light weapons manufacture and design that pose particular challenges to the effective implementation of the PoA and ITI that the Expert Group agrees to include, no later than the second meeting of its first substantive session;

(e) To consider new and emerging technologies that could support and strengthen the effective implementation of the PoA and ITI

(f) To produce a report that contains recommendations on these topics to be submitted at the General Assembly at its 80th Session

III. Modalities

The Expert Group will be open to all UN Member States that wish to participate, encouraging those States to include subject matter experts on their delegations.


IV. Funding
The Expert Group will be funded under the regular UN budget following the decision of the UN General Assembly to establish the group.

V. Time frame

The Expert Group will hold one organizational session of two days and three substantive sessions of five days each (17 days total) with the first session to be convened no later than 31 March 2024 and the last session to be convened no later than 31 March 2025.