Statement by the Brazilian Delegation

Agenda item 8- Consideration of international cooperation and assistance, including capacity-building, and means of enhancing modalities and procedures for international cooperation and assistance.

Madame Chair,

Brazil sees the advancements in cooperation as of paramount importance to the continuing implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Although States bear the primary responsibility for preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, it is undeniable that without close collaboration with neighboring countries, regional and subregional organizations and global platforms, we cannot envisage the full implementation of the PoA and the ITI.

At this stage, as we discuss the challenges and opportunities posed by emerging technologies, such as modular and polymer weapons and 3D printing, it is more than clear the relevance of cooperation initiatives in order not only to promote a better control of these new components, but also to ensure the transfer of expertise and know-how in dealing with these technologies. In that sense, we welcome the mention, in paragraph 91 of the draft outcome document, of technology transfers in broader cooperation frameworks aiming at building sustainable capacities for the life cycle management of small arms and light weapons. We believe that this is a desirable and promising approach.

Madame Chair,

In order to have concrete and long-lasting results, cooperation measures must be targeted and based on specific demands by requiring states. Furthermore, we recognize the importance to have a broader approach of cooperation, which should be explored in its South-South, triangular and North-South configurations.

Finally, I express Brazil’s support to the establishment of a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons in order to strengthen technical knowledge and expertise in areas related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, particularly in developing countries. The effective recommendation of this initiative should be
carefully detailed in terms of objectives and ways of operationalization, including in financial terms, which we prefer could rely on the organization’s regular budget.

In this regard, I would like to thank the Secretariat for the comprehensive presentation on this matter.

Thank you.