Dear Chair, distinguished delegates,

My name is Joseph Dube and I am the founder of Disarmament and Arms Control, a member of the International Action Network on Small Arms. It is my honor to be addressing this assembly today and to be part of this process in person.

The fourth Review Conference on the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument (RevCon4) will offer a critically important opportunity to propose programs and actions to improve implementation of the PoA and the ITI.

The original text of the PoA omitted many important issues.
It failed to mention human rights.
It failed to mention the need to regulate small arms in the civilian population.
It failed to recognise that the legal market is often the original source of the illegal trade
It failed to mention the problem of arms transfers to non-state actors.
It failed to mention the misuse of guns by state officials
and
It failed to recognize the gendered nature of gun misuse and gun injury.

An effective and forward-looking implementation of the PoA should include:
- Enhancement of re-commitments of States to foster their efforts in curbing the illicit trade in SALW in all aspects and to prevent its negative effects to people, human security and development
- Critical review and comprehensive assessment of implementation of the PoA
- Identification and sharing of good practices,
- Identification and address the gaps and areas of lacking or insufficient implementation
- Clear understanding of the complementarity of the PoA and the ATT.

We call on States to:
- Provide a broad mandate for RevCon4 that allows new proposals to be discussed that address the persistent problems, the changing circumstances, and the negative consequences of the illicit trade in SALW in all its aspects, as well as proposals to prevent that trade.
- Provide a mandate for RevCon4 that, as a priority, increases the inclusion in the Review Conference of voices and research findings that convey the needs of those sectors of society most affected by the illicit trade in SALW and resulting patterns of violence.
- Use RevCon4 to assess the effectiveness of national target setting as a method to prevent the illicit trade in SALW in all its aspects, review the needs of States for international assistance programs, and build capacities for collection and destruction of illicit, obsolete, and surplus SALW and their ammunition.
- Use RevCon 4 to strengthen international and regional cooperation, including through implementing measures that take advantage of synergies with other relevant instruments.

Thank you.