

**Fourth 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 (New York, 14-18 June 2010)**

*Agenda item: Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism on preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade on small arms and light weapons and preparations for the 2011 Experts Group meeting and the 2012 Review Conference*

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first time my delegation takes the floor please let me congratulate you on your appointment as Chairperson of the meeting. We would like to assure you of our full support.

Poland associates itself with the statement made on behalf of European Union.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank you in particular for preparing the non-paper on strengthening the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action. We believe that, in order to make the best use of those mechanisms that are available, it is necessary to have a clear view on what has already been achieved and which objectives of the Programme of Action remain to be met. In this regard, Poland supports your proposal to agree during this Meeting to conduct such a diagnosis within the frameworks of the Open Ended Meeting of Governmental Experts in 2011 with a view to consider the results during the Review Conference in 2012.

We also see an added value in designating the chairperson of the upcoming meetings well in advance so to ensure the effective use of time during the meetings. This can be achieved by thorough preparations and early identification of issues to be discussed - as has been done by you, Mr. Chairman, and your predecessor.

We would also like to support the initiatives aiming at promoting the use of national reports as a tool to assess the implementation of Programme of Action. In our opinion, the work on the unification and simplification of reports should be continued. Two-year reporting cycle for the PoA as a whole could also be considered.

Thank you.