Intervention by Thailand on the issues of national frameworks and regional cooperation

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Mr. Chairman,

For Thailand, the point of contact for the implementation of the UN PoA on SALW is the Office of the National Security Council. Our point of contact for ITI is the Royal Thai Police.

We have existing domestic laws which are consistent with the implementation of the ITI, for example:

1) Act on the Control of Firearms, Ammunitions, Explosives, Fireworks and Imitation Firearms (1947 and 1967)

2) Act on the Control of the Exportation of Arms, Armaments and War Implements (1952)

3) The Munitions of War Control Act (1987)

Thailand is currently engaged in making legislative changes to the current laws to reflect the changing SALW technologies and its proliferation in the region. The proposed amendments are currently under review by the Council of State prior to further evaluation by implementing agencies.

As for regional cooperation, Thailand has cooperated with other ASEAN countries in the implementation of the UN PoA on SALW through the ASEAN Ministerial and Senior Official Meetings on Transnational Crimes and the ASEANAPOL.

Thailand will continue to support ASEAN and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) to strengthen cooperation within the existing frameworks, for example, through the ARF Inter-sessional meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime and the ARF Inter-sessional meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.