Intervention by Thailand on the issue of international assistance and capacity-building

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Mr. Chairman,

The UN PoA on SALW and ITI require a wide range of commitments from member states, as the issues of Marking, Record-keeping and Tracing are inter-related. Each member state has different levels of capacity, both in terms of know-how and budget. This is where international assistance and capacity-building can play significant roles.

Taking into account the magnitude of the illicit trade in SALW which can undermine regional peace, stability and development, Thailand considers regional and international cooperation on capacity-building to be of great importance.

In Thailand’s case, we seek cooperation, international assistance and capacity-building in the areas of marking, marking alterations, past-weapon markings, record-keeping, database formatting, management and maintenance, and international tracing.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.