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Excellency

Dear Colleague,

**REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF
ACTION TO PREVENT, COMBAT AND ERADICATE THE ILLICIT TRADE IN
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS IN ALL ITS ASPECTS**

As we prepare for the Second Review Conference of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (UN PoA), I have the honour to invite you to our last informal consultations prior to the Preparatory Committee meeting scheduled for 19-23 March 2012.

During our informal consultations of 26 January, 2012, we had extensive and useful discussions on the provisional agenda for the Preparatory Committee. You would also recall our interactions on my intention to prepare six (6) indicative non-papers that could assist States in identifying possible areas for discussion under the proposed substantive agenda items.

Agenda for the Preparatory Committee

Our informal consultations also provided broad perspectives on reorganizing agenda items in consonance with the precedent established in 2006. In view of your valued comments and proposals, the provisional agenda is therefore revised as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee

3. Election of other officers.
4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Committee.
5. Adoption of the agenda of the Preparatory Committee.
6. Organization of work.
7. General exchange of views:
 - a. Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
 - i. Preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects:
 - (1) at the national level;
 - (2) at the regional level;
 - (3) at the global level.
 - ii. Implementation, international cooperation and assistance.
 - iii. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.
 - b. International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.
8. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.
9. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
10. Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference.

11. Other matters.

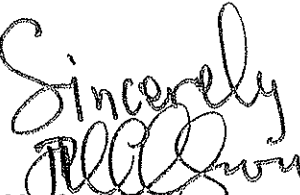
12. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

Indicative non-papers

I have provided herewith, six indicative non-papers, which, I believe, could provide useful directions. Let me state, unequivocally, that the contents are not for negotiations; instead, they are designed to assist States who have indicated interests in possible areas of focus.

I intend to convene an extra informal consultation before the PrepCom on **Thursday, 14 March 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in ECOSOC Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.** In line with the standing practice, this informal meeting will be conducted in English.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely

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