



*Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
of Nigeria to the United Nations*

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Your Excellency,

*Dear Colleague,*

**2012 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF UN THE PROGRAMME  
OF ACTION TO PREVENT, COMBAT AND ERADICATE  
THE ILLICIT TRADE IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS  
(SALWS) IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.**

It is my honour to write in my capacity as President-designate of the Second Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

I must place on record, your invaluable support and indeed those of all Member-States of the United Nations during the Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference which concluded on 23 March 2012. Indeed, the Preparatory Committee collectively engaged in substantive and structured discussions regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

You may also recall that at the Preparatory Committee, I shared with Member States a summary, prepared under my own responsibility, which reflected my interpretation of the salient issues discussed during the meeting. Indeed, at the Preparatory Committee, I emphasized the critical importance of commencing the work on the draft Outcome of the Review Conference early, in the period between the Preparatory Committee and the Review Conference.

I believe our state of preparedness is pivotal to the success of the Conference. In this regard, my team has prepared; making full use of the substantive discussions during the Preparatory Committee, a set of documents that could constitute a possible Outcome of the Review Conference. In view of the need to allow ample time for reflection by

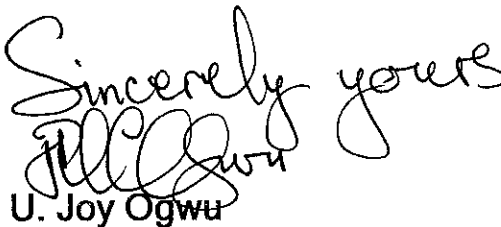
Member-States, I enclose, for your kind consideration, the following 'zero drafts':

- a Declaration;
- an Implementation Plan for the Programme of Action;
- an Implementation Plan for the International Tracing Instrument;
- a Schedule of Meetings 2012-18.

I acknowledge the need to discuss these zero drafts and to prepare ourselves for the Review Conference. In light of this, I propose two (2) informal consultations to be convened in the month of June 2012. The first of these consultations will be held on **Thursday, 14 June 2012 at 3pm, in Conference Room 3 in the UN North Lawn Building**. In line with the standing practice, this informal meeting will be conducted in English.

Should we require further informal consultations, we will schedule one for **Friday, 29 June, at 10am, in Conference Room 4**. A separate invitation would follow, in this instance.

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

*Sincerely yours*  


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