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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Ambassador/Permanent Representative

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