



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

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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,  
NEW YORK, 27 AUGUST - 7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

As President-designate of the Second Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, I write to apprise you of the developments, as we move stridently towards the final stages of the Review Conference.


You may recall that four "zero-drafts" of the Outcome document of the Preparatory Committee Meeting were introduced through my letter of 6 June 2012. I have, since then, received very constructive and positive comments and suggestions; through the two informal consultations I held in New York on June 14 and 29, in addition to your written proposals and comments.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent support and cooperation you demonstrated in working with the four facilitators, who labored so tirelessly and selflessly, on my behalf, and in further developing the draft Outcome documents in the month of August. Based on the valuable inputs we received, I am now in a position to share with you a revised draft outcome document, as attached hereto.

May I also take this opportunity to express gratitude to the four outstanding facilitators, namely: Australia, Egypt, Guyana and Japan, for their hard work and demonstrated professionalism. Indeed, the numerous consultations they held at various times in the month of August provided useful insights. I look forward to further discussing and developing the documents in a transparent and collaborative manner at the upcoming Review Conference, as we have always done.

In line with previous practice, discussions regarding the outcome document on the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) will remain, even at the Review Conference, under the chairmanship of the ITI facilitator. I thank you for your continued co-operation.

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

*Yours very Sincerely*  


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