

## **Intervention by Indonesia on the issue of stockpile management and surplus disposal**

Mr. Chairman,

We thank Ambassador Streuli of Switzerland for preparing a discussion paper and for his presentation on the issue of stockpile management and surplus disposal. We note that the paper covers not only the technical security aspects of a safe and secure stockpiling, but also the economic and practical benefits for such stockpile management.

Indonesia recognizes that stockpile and surplus of small arms could be sources of its illicit trade. In order to prevent the misuse of small arms and light weapons, effective government control of stockpile should be maintained.

Stockpile of small arms and light weapons used by the military are managed by the military. While those used by the police and by civilian, its stockpile is managed by the national police. Since 2007, however, the civilian ownership of small arms has been banned in Indonesia. The Indonesian police is currently collecting small arms in civilian possession to be stored in a special storage facility.

In both military and police facilities, the stockpile management applies a mechanism and operational procedure set up by the respective units. These procedures have to contain provisions on the security, safety, control and in some instances and when necessary, its eventual disposal.

We underline that any assistance in this field, should emanate from the request made by States. In order to comprehensively understand any necessary needs in the areas of effective, safe and secure SALW stockpiles, indeed States would need to conduct its own assessment. This was a point made by Ambassador Streuli's paper and presentation, in which we agree.

We stress that the oversight of stockpiles and surplus disposal are a national prerogative, however we are interested in considering and keen to learn from the experience of other countries in the success and failures in managing a safe and secure facilities, including examining their national legislation and procedures in place. This session, Mr. Chairman has provided for such opportunity.

Thank you.