

**Statement by the Japanese Delegation
Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of
Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light
Weapons in All Its Aspects**

UN Programme of Action Implementation Support System

Mr. Chairman,

I will just make a brief comment on the launching of the PoA-ISS.

At the outset, I would like to thank Mr. Prins for his comprehensive and easy to understand presentation. It is well understood that the Programme of Action Implementation Support System (PoA-ISS) strengthens networks and promotes the transfer of know-how on the implementation of the PoA. Japan would like to extend its highest praise to the efforts of Mr. Prins and his team who built this “one-stop shop” clearing house for gathered information, and compliment them on launching the Support System.

Japan supported the establishment of the CASA Database, on which PoA-ISS is based, strengthens the coordination of international organizations and exchange information on the current situation and efforts of each state concerning small arms and light weapons. In this context, in the three years since its foundation, Japan has contributed approximately \$480 thousand dollars to its operation. It gives us a great pleasure to see that the CASA system is now being further expanded.

Seven years have elapsed since the adoption of the Programme of Action, and the voluminous amounts of knowledge on assistance that have been acquired by the donor and recipient states, international organizations and NGOs ought to be stored. Japan believes that this knowledge can now be put to active use in the PoA-ISS as it operates as a forum to seek and provide advice. We expect that the Implementation Support System will not only increase the amount of assistance, but the advice provided through this system will also contribute to improving the quality of that assistance. So, for instance, we think it would be beneficial if at the next BMS the UNODA and other participants report on their experiences and lessons learned through the use of the PoA-ISS with a view to encouraging substantive discussions.

Finally, we wish Mr. Prins and his team all the success in the future implementation of the PoA-ISS.

Thank you.