

**Statement by the Chinese Delegation at the BMS4
on International Cooperation and Assistance
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Mr. Chairman,

The POA and ITI have set up guiding principles for international cooperation to combat illicit trade in SALW, and specified the needs for countries to strengthen cooperation and exchange.

Restricted by economic, scientific and technical conditions and social development, some countries still have difficulties in implementing the POA and ITI, such as, among others, shortage of funds, insufficient techniques, lack of human and other resources. In order to promote the implementation of the POA and ITI, we should further strengthen international cooperation and assistance, focusing on legislation assistance, law enforcement capacity building, marking and tracing assistance and exchange of information.

China upholds that efforts in this regard should be made as following:

First, the POA and ITI should retain as the foundation for international cooperation and assistance. The United Nations should play a leading role, and existing mechanisms such as the Interpol and World Customs Organization should be better utilized.

Second, coordinated regional measures should be taken in accordance with its regional specific conditions. Regional seminars, bilateral consultations and other platforms should be fully utilized, where States can share experiences on legislation, law enforcement, domestic management and personnel training as well as specifying their difficulties and demands.

Third, governments should assume primary responsibility in international cooperation and assistance. Countries in a position to do so, especially developed countries, should be more active in

participating in international cooperation and providing assistance to help developing countries.

Fourth, international cooperative and assistance programs should be more specified and feasible. In order to effectively enhance the recipient country's capacity to combat the illicit trade in SALW, assistance should be provided in accordance with the recipient country's specific conditions and demand so as to match the assistance with the actual demand of the recipient country.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese Government has always actively participated in the international cooperation and assistance against illicit trade in SALW. As required, China has submitted 4 national reports on the implementation of the POA and ITI. China has also shared its policies and experiences in combating illicit trade in SALW and other relevant issues with other countries and organizations through bilateral consultation and relevant seminars. Besides, China's public security authorities have actively cooperated with the Interpol on tracing illicit SALW. China's Customs and other competent agencies have maintained constant exchanges with their foreign counterparts.

The Chinese side believes that only with the enhancement of every state's capacity, the full and effective implementation of the POA and ITI can be achieved. China will join others to actively participate in relevant international cooperation and make its due contributions to this endeavor.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.