



Statement by Norway – Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms.

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- Mr. Chair, Thanks to you and delegation of Mexico for presenting the none paper for to days discussion.
- If PoA is to remain a relevant forum for discussing issues regarding illegal trade in SALW - it is important that the impact of the programme is evaluated. There are a number of elements involved in measuring impact, however, the first step should be to take stock of the current status of implementation and measure it against the desired outcomes of the process.
- Norway is therefore concerned with the low levels of implementation reports presented by states on the PoA and with the varying contend provided in the reports. This reporting mechanism is the most central avenue for measuring the impact of the PoA and for identifying the remaining challenges facing implementation.
- Instead of creating new mechanisms, states should strengthen their current reporting commitments. We further believe the quality of reporting can be improved by regional seminars and workshops

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where states contribute ideas, information and expertise towards ensuring that the implementation reports contain relevant information. Finally, Norway is willing to discuss the idea regarding bi-annual reporting if this increases the number and quality of implementation reports presented by states.

- We support the use of tools and templates presented by Mr Daniel Prince, UNODA, this morning.

Thank you