

## **Thailand's Intervention on International Tracing Instrument**

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank you for the preparation of the discussion paper on ITI. Thailand would like to share its experience as follows.

Thailand believes that proper marking and effective tracing of firearms are significant to the prevention and combat illicit trade of SALW. On our part, Thailand has put in place adequate laws, regulations, and administrative procedures to ensure proper marking and identification that will allow law enforcement agencies to trace their activity.

Moreover, Thailand is currently in the process of amending the Firearms Act which has been in use since 1947. Once the amended version is adopted, The Ministry of Interior of Thailand will proceed with the introduction of an advanced firearms identification project. This project was initiated to help facilitate law enforcement agencies in the tracking and regulation of illicit trade in SALW and related crimes in the future.

Apart from that, industry cooperation, in our view, is also essential to create and maintain an effective firearms tracing system. We support proper marking of firearms at the point of manufacture. It will also be necessary for firearms manufacturers to keep detailed and accurate historical records on their products that include, for example, model, year of production, records of sales, and any other miscellany unique to a respective product. And it will be very helpful if those records be shared with government agencies concerned for tracing purpose.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.