Statement on the Proposal relating to Article 12 “Reporting” of the 22 March President’s text of the Arms Trade Treaty delivered by the Republic of Lithuania at the Final UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty 26 March 2013, New York

Mr. President,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Let me once again address the issue of public reporting in Article 12.

Suggested Language for President’s Second Revised Text relating to Reporting and Record-Keeping

Article 12

Submitted by Costa Rica, Japan, Lithuania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, CARICOM (Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago), Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Finland, France, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay and the United Kingdom

Article 12 - suggested new language in bold

1 Each State Party shall, within the first year after entry into force of this Treaty for that State Party, in accordance with Article 22, provide an initial report to the Secretariat of activities undertaken in order to implement this Treaty, including national laws, national control lists and other regulations and administrative measures. Each State Party shall report on any new activities undertaken in order to implement this Treaty, when appropriate. Reports shall be made available and public and distributed to States Parties by the Secretariat.

2 Each State Party shall submit annually to the Secretariat by 31 May a report for the preceding calendar year concerning the authorization or actual export and import of conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1). Reports shall be made available and distributed to States Parties by the Secretariat. The report submitted to the Secretariat may contain the same information submitted by the State Party to relevant United Nations frameworks, including the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms. [delete: Reports may exclude commercially sensitive or national security information] On receipt of a State Party’s report, the Secretariat shall make it public but shall, if so requested by the State Party, not make public those parts of the report that the State Party considers contain commercially sensitive or national security information.