Mr. Chair,

Implementation is one of the core issues before us this week. We have made a few general observations on this topic, and I would like to briefly revisit one particularly important aspect of implementation, transparency and reporting. As previously mentioned, the Norwegian delegation believes that transparency, to the extent possible, should be our guiding principle in relation to information exchange.

However, we would like to point out that the specific requirements for reporting might differ according to the different *categories of items* that will be included within the scope of the ATT, such as technology, ammunition, parts and components, conventional arms and other categories.

Reporting obligations may also pertain to a number of other variables, such as *quantities, sums, licenses, implementation measures*, or other relevant data. The exact character of information to be reported is likely to be linked to the inherent character of the different items to be covered by the Treaty. In other words, one size may not fit all.

Mr. Chair,

We have heard some statements during this meeting to the effect that reporting should not be mandatory, but voluntary. This approach seems to us to be inconsistent with the principles of equity and transparency.

While reporting to the UN Register on Conventional Arms is voluntary, it would be different with a legally binding ATT. In this context reporting cannot any longer be seen as matter of convenience. A legally binding instrument must have specific *requirements* regarding annual reporting, thus constituting new obligations in addition to voluntary frameworks that already exist. This is an important feature of the ATT, and necessary in order to build confidence.