Mr. Chairman,

Grenada commends you on your enormous effort in producing such a comprehensive draft paper which was presented yesterday. We believe that progress is being made, as we move forward towards 2012.
Mr. Chairman,
I now wish to make the following preliminary observations:

**PREAMBLE**

Mr. Chairman,

Grenada echoes the views expressed by Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia and Nigeria on the preambular section of your paper and also note the absence of armed violence.

Mr. Chairman,

My country and my region continue to be plagued by the upsurge in armed violence caused directly by the proliferation of illegal Small Arms and ammunition. Further, Mr. Chairman, the effects of armed violence continues to present an economic and social challenge to my country’s development agenda.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVE**

Mr. Chairman,

Like Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia and Nigeria, Grenada also suggests the inclusion of armed violence within paragraph 4 of the Goals and Objectives.

Grenada also shares the view that an Arms Trade Treaty should be universal in its application.

**SCOPE**

Grenada fully supports the inclusion of Small Arms and Light Weapons and Ammunition in an Arms Trade Treaty and welcomes the reference to Small Arms and Light Weapons and Ammunition under this section.

**CRITERIA**

Mr. Chairman,

The chapeau makes reference only to exports in relation to the authorization of transfers. My delegation suggests that an all encompassing Arms Trade Treaty should ensure that all forms of transfers should require authorization. Accordingly, the word EXPORT should be replaced by the word TRANSFER as is defined in Annex A of your paper.
My delegation also stands in support of the inclusion of gender based violence in sub-section B point 4 Mr Chairman, and notes that the UN Security Council considers gender based violence a serious violation.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Chairman,

Grenada once more recognizes the need for an Implementation Support Unit. Grenada however, believes that for such a unit to be effective it must be independent and funded by States Parties.

REVIEW CONFERENCE

Mr. Chairman, Grenada notes that the reference to cooperation with relevant international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations has been removed from your paper. It is my delegation’s view, that efficient implementation of the Treaty can only be realized in cooperation with civil society.

In conclusion, Grenada wishes to reiterate its confidence in this process and pledges its continued support.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.