Statement by Pakistan on agenda item 7: Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument
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Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan has been a proponent of arms control at the global, regional and sub-regional levels and has consistently supported efforts aimed at arms control. This goal is consistent with our commitment for implementing UN Programme of Action and International Tracing Instrument (ITI).

Mr. Chairman

Pakistan’s national report under PoA along with that for ITI is being submitted which reflects our commitment towards full and effective implementation of these instruments.

Pakistan has developed the necessary legislative, regulatory, enforcement and institutional mechanisms to address the range of issues relating to conventional arms including small arms and light weapons. Laws, regulations and administrative instructions being implemented by manufacturers are consistent with international instruments on marking, record keeping and tracing.

In line with national regulatory framework in place, marking is made at the time of manufacturing on the process line and authenticated by quality inspector for marking. There are no exceptions to marking SALW at the time of manufacturing. Imported SALW are marked at the time of import with relevant information. Institutionalized measures are being enforced to prevent the manufacture, stockpiling, transfer and possession of any unmarked or inadequately marked SALW.

Mr. Chairman

We are constantly working towards strengthening the implementation of PoA and ITI. Towards that end, all arms licenses at the Federal and Provincial levels are being computerized through the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). This is aimed at maintaining a central computerized record of all authorized weapons in order to facilitate tracing of weapons in a timely manner.

The Federal and Provincial Governments have launched media campaigns to sensitize the general public about the various controls and restriction relating to SALW and to exhort arms license holders to get their licenses computerized.
Mr. Chairman

Finally, let me reiterate our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, the purpose of which, inter alia, is to promote and facilitate international cooperation and assistance in marking and tracing of SALWs. We would offer further comments regarding international assistance and cooperation when the meeting considers that item.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.