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Mr. Chairman,

1. Thank you for giving me the floor.

2. The Kingdom of Thailand aligns itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement delivered by the distinguished representative of Indonesia earlier.

3. Thailand strongly believes that regional and international cooperation is vital in implementing the PoA and the ITI. The cooperation will help bridge capacity gaps and strengthen law enforcement cooperation among States.

4. We support NAM’s proposal in the statement and the working paper regarding the continued, unconditional and non-discriminatory assistances upon request. This would help enhance member states’ capacity to fully and effectively implement the PoA, including in the aspect of technology transfer, training and capacity building. These concepts should be mentioned clearly in the draft outcome document.

5. My delegation also highlights the important role of regional and international organizations in facilitating arms control researches, national/regional capacity assessment, and training programmes.

6. Most recently in March 2016, Thailand, in cooperation with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, with financial support from Germany, organized a national workshop on “Building Capacity in SALW Control through the PoA and the Arms Trade Treaty”. The event was successful in providing a forum for assessing regional arms control situation and effective practices. Thailand will continue our active role in this regard.

Thank you Mr. Chair