

Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Explanation of the Vote on Resolution A/C.1/59/L.43/rev.1:
“The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons”

Mr. Chairman,

I've taken the floor to explain the position of my delegation with respect to the Resolution A/C.1/59/L.43/rev.1, entitled “The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons”. My delegation fully share the aim of the effective implementation of the Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons as extensively negotiated and adopted by the United Nations which encompasses different aspects of the issue.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that the issue of brokering is one of the aspects that is under serious consideration by the UN Member States. We are at the initial stage of deliberations on this issue. As the report on the outcome of the broad-based consultations on the issue of brokering clearly indicates, there is no agreement yet on the establishment of a panel of governmental experts on the issue.

Therefore, we see the operative paragraph 5 of this resolution as drafted, to just reserve the possibility of establishing a panel of governmental experts as a contingency planning. The operative paragraph 5 indicates the establishment of such a panel would be subject to the conclusion of the open-ended Working Group to negotiate an international instrument to enable states to identify and trace, in a timely and reliable manner, illicit trade in small arms and light weapons.

Thank you.