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EU Statement on Wassenaar Arrangement

The European Union (EU) and its Member States would like to welcome Ambassador Griffiths, Head of the Secretariat of the Wassenaar Arrangement, to the Forum for Security Co-operation and thank him for his comprehensive presentation on the activities of this organisation.

The Wassenaar Arrangement plays an important role in promoting transparency and responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual use goods, thus helping prevent destabilising accumulations.

The EU has included the Wassenaar Arrangement control lists in its legislation and practices: the Dual Use control list is included in the EU Dual Use Regulation, while the Wassenaar Arrangement Munitions List is mirrored in the Common Military List of the EU. The Wassenaar Arrangement Elements for Objective Analysis concerning Potentially Destabilising Accumulations of Conventional Weapons are consistent with the EU User's Guide on the implementation of the Common Position on the control of exports of military technology and equipment.

The EU and its Member States strive to apply the highest standards of export controls for military and dual use items. The information exchange within the Wassenaar Arrangement enables participating States to implement robust and well informed export controls. This is why we actively support the accession of all EU Member States to the Arrangement.

The EU continues to allocate significant resources engaging with third-party countries with a view to building export control capacities in those nations. These efforts

complement the commendable outreach activities carried out by the Wassenaar Arrangement.

We are particularly grateful to Ambassador Griffiths for his extremely valuable and effective work as Head of Secretariat and congratulate him on his role in making the Wassenaar Arrangement the valuable organisation that it is today.

The candidate countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO and ALBANIA, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, as well as UKRAINE, ARMENIA and GEORGIA align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.