Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia associates itself with the statement made earlier on behalf the Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN.

Indonesia expresses its concern over increasing illicit arms trade that commensurate with the overall expanding global arms trade since entering the new millennium.

Illicit arms falling into the wrong hands eventually contributes directly or indirectly to more casualties, acts of violence, and terrorism around the world.

We must work together to solve these problems and ensure that our scarce resources be better used for global peace and prosperity.

Mr. Chairman,

In that context, allow me to highlight these pertinent points:

**Firstly**, Indonesia underscores the need to curb illicit trade and unregulated use of small arms and light weapons (SALW), which only exacerbate and prolong conflicts around the world. We have to work to regulate small arms and light weapons.
We call for major producing states to ensure that small arms and light weapons are transferred only to governments or to entities duly authorized.

Indonesia reiterates its call for balanced, full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

Secondly, Indonesia condemns the use of conventional weapons that inherently capable of inflicting indiscriminate damage.

The use of mines has severe humanitarian consequences, not only during conflicts, but also post-conflicts. Indonesia reiterates its condemnation of the use of anti-personnel mines in conflicts, which contravenes the international humanitarian law. Indonesia urges the full implementation and universalization of the Mine Ban Treaty.

Mines have not only terrorized, and killed innocent populations in many regions, but also UN peacekeepers. The continued presence of mines will only jeopardize peacebuilding process. Therefore, Indonesia continues to promote demining capability of its peacekeeping forces, including through international cooperation.

Similarly, cluster munitions have proven to cause devastating humanitarian impact in many parts of the world. Indonesia express our solidarity with the cluster munitions-affected countries. We stand ready to work with the international community to address the issue.

Thirdly, Indonesia reasserts the sovereign right of states to acquire, manufacture, export, import and retain conventional arms and ammunition for their self-defense and security needs.

Indonesia is against any undue restrictions and coercive measures placed by the exporting states on the importing states.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Indonesia views the need for multilateral transparency and confidence-building measures in addressing the global control of conventional weapons.

Thank you.