Statement of the delegation of the Islam Republic of Iran
On trans-border cooperation to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms
and light weapons (SALW)
At the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Program of
Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects
(New York, 14 June 2010)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,
I congratulate you on your election as the chairman of this meeting. While assuring you of
the cooperation of my delegation, I am confident that under your able leadership, this meeting
will come to a fruitful conclusion.

I associate myself to the statement made by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned
Movement.

Mr. Chairman,
There is a close link between terrorism, organized crime and trafficking in drugs and the
illicit trade in SALW. As it has been mentioned in the discussion paper before us, the
porosity of borders is an aggravating element in this regard.

Accordingly, the development of subregional or regional mechanisms with a view to
preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in SALW across borders is an
important issue.

Having long borders with 15 countries and as a transit route for drug trafficking and illicit
trade in SALW in the region, the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to
cooporation at the bilateral, sub-regional and regional levels to fight drug trafficking and the
illicit trade in SALW.

Currently, we have several bilateral and multilateral cooperation and coordination
mechanisms with our neighbors to effectively fight the illicit trade in SALW and drug
trafficking across our borders.

Iran has offered more than 3500 of its military and law enforcement agency personnel as
martyrs in fight against drug trafficking and illicit trade in SALW.

Mr. Chairman,
In contravention of the PoA commitments, some constraints have been imposed on my
country in transferring appropriate technologies to combat drug trafficking and illicit trade in
SALW. Despite that, Iran has made significant progress in the implementation of the PoA.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to emphasize on the essential importance of
facilitation of transferring the technologies that improve the fight against drug trafficking as
well as tracing and detection of illicit trade in SALW. Accordingly, I propose the inclusion of
a paragraph in the outcome document of our meeting, reaffirming commitment to the removal
of all such restrictions and stressing the need for facilitating the transfer of technologies
required for tracing and detection of illicit trade in SALW.

Thank you.