Mr. President:

The Delegation of El Salvador wished to express to you and other officers for his congratulations on being elected to conduct this fourth meeting, as well as the Friends of the Chair for the important and outstanding work they are doing.

Mr. President:

El Salvador endorses the statement made by the distinguished representative of Panama, on behalf of the countries that make up the Central American Integration System and Mexico.

Mr. President:

Given that illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons has become a serious problem of multidimensional, transnational and global potential solutions to address this problem, can be achieved only through collective action, concerted and coordinated sub-regional communities, regional and international and between them.

In Central America we are working together to try to curb gun violence in its various manifestations, within which is the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, through the implementation of security strategy in Central America and Mexico, whose implementation requires cooperation and international assistance.

In this context, it is clear that cooperation and technical assistance, technological and financial plays a central role in the fight against illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons, but such cooperation and assistance should not be subject to conditions or political motivations, and must respond to the needs that are defined by the countries or groups of countries.

Otherwise, such cooperation and assistance will not have the expected impact and favor only those who benefit from armed violence and armed conflict.

Mr. President:

For reasons of time we shall not go into more specific aspects that we consider important in this particular issue, since some of them are mentioned in the discussion paper on the subject made available to the delegations by the delegation of Australia especially in terms of priority issues and possible actions at the meeting.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.