Excellency,

Further to my letter of 26th February 2016 in which I shared with you the draft Provisional Agenda (attached) and the very preliminary “zero draft” of the Outcome Document (attached) of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (BMS6), I am pleased to invite you to the fourth open informal consultation in preparation for the BMS6 on Tuesday, 22nd March 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The fourth open informal consultation is intended to initiate a process by which Member States will provide input to the “zero draft” of the Outcome Document which, as I have stressed, is a very initial and informal paper, containing not much more than an indication of the topics which were highlighted in previous consultations, reports and working papers. The zero draft is meant to provide the framework for developing the outcome document of BMS6 focusing on the agreed provisional agenda items. I would encourage delegations to put forward concrete proposals on the issues they wish to include in the document.

I would like, once again to encourage Member States to submit working papers that would facilitate the consideration of the Outcome Document. I also would like to remind those Member States which have not yet done so, to submit their national reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action, by the 31st March 2016 deadline.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York
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Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

2. Election of the Chair.

3. Statement of the Chair.

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

5. Election of other officers of the meeting.

6. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, at the national level, the regional level - including through regional and sub-regional arrangements and organizations - and at the global level, and in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument.

8. Consideration of international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and International Tracing Instrument, including capacity-building:
   a. Ways to strengthen the implementation of the PoA and ITI through the provision of training, equipment and the transfer of technology;
   b. Ways to ensure the adequacy, effectiveness, and sustainability of assistance for the implementation of the PoA and the ITI, including financial and technical assistance.

9. Other issues and topics of relevance for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

10. Consideration of the draft final document.

11. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.
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The provisionally agreed agenda for BMS6 provides guidance for the draft outcome.¹

BMS6 Outcome Document – Zero Draft

1. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, at the national level, the regional level - including through regional and sub-regional arrangements and organizations - and at the global level, and in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Consideration of actions agreed at RevCon2 and BMS5 and discussed at the 2015 Meeting of Governmental Experts (MGE2):

- National level
  - Life-cycle management, good practice and lessons learned
  - Reporting
- Regional level
  - Role of regional and sub-regional organizations/arrangements
- Global level
  - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (in particular elements of Target 16.1 and Target 16.4)
  - Voluntary implementation standards
  - Role of international organizations such as the World Customs Organization and INTERPOL
  - PoA in the context of conflict prevention, crisis management and peace-building, including peace-keeping missions
  - Role of women and UNSCR 1325

The Way Forward

2. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology and their implications for the International Tracing Instrument.

- Consideration of actions agreed at RevCon2 and BMS5 and discussed at MGE2: policy implications for the International Tracing Instrument in the light of recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology.
- ITI in the context of conflict prevention, crisis management and peace-building, including peace-keeping missions.
- Efforts and capacity to trace illicit weapons in conflict- and post conflict zones
- Diversion
- Information sharing and exchange

The Way Forward

3. Consideration of international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and International Tracing Instrument, including capacity-building:

- Review of actions agreed at RevCon 2 and BMS5 and discussed at MGE2.

a) Ways to strengthen the implementation of the PoA and ITI through the provision of training, equipment and the transfer of technology;

- Capacity-building, including training
  - Capacity building measures to improve physical security and stockpile management (PSSM)
- Transfer of technology and equipment

b) Ways to ensure the adequacy, effectiveness, and sustainability of assistance for the implementation of the PoA and the ITI, including financial and technical assistance.

- Enhance effectiveness and sustainability of assistances, including coordination of assistance and cooperation
  - Technical assistance
  - Financial assistance
    - Link with SDGs as funding prospect
    - Trust fund modalities
- Best-practice guidelines for project implementation

The Way Forward
4. Other issues and topics of relevance for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.