STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BRAZIL

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 (BMS – 6)

Agenda item 6: Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects at the national, regional and global levels, including stockpile management, including physical security measures of small arms and light weapons

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Mr. Chair,

Brazil congratulates you on your election to chair this meeting and thanks you for the preparatory work that you have conducted. Allow me to extend our appreciation to members of the Bureau and to pledge the support of my delegation.

Brazil attaches great importance to the prevention, combat, and eradication of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. My country has presented regular reports on its national implementation of the Program of Action. Our latest report will be made available during the course of this meeting.

Mr. Chair,

The main purpose of the Biennial Meeting of States, particularly under this agenda item, is to assess the implementation of the Program of Action at the national, regional and global levels, identifying the current status, implementation gaps and the measures needed to address them.

National reports are useful tools and we have defended, in previous meetings, that better use should be made of them. The factual summary of national reports presented by the Secretariat is particularly helpful. In this regard, Brazil can support paragraph 35 of the draft outcome document. We would, however, like to stress the importance that the analysis to be performed by the Secretariat for the Review Conference is carried out in a constructive manner, with a focus on implementation assistance and opportunities,
without placing additional burdens on developing States or singling out specific situations.

With regard to the issue of synergies with other instruments (mentioned in paragraphs 38 and 57 of this agenda item), while Brazil sees the value in making use of commonalities between the PoA and other instruments to enhance their implementation, we must bear in mind that each of those have different legal status, membership and scope, and thus will continue to require independent follow-up processes.

Finally, as the current chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Brazil welcomes the references to gender and the role of women in the implementation of the PoA, and particularly to resolutions 65/69 and subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly and to Security Council resolution 1325 and its follow-up resolutions, and attach great importance to their maintenance on the text.

We stand ready to provide additional comments during the course of the discussions, as well as in the context of informal consultations.

Thank you.