Madam Chair,

On behalf of my delegation, allow me to first congratulate you for your leadership over the process leading towards the Review Conference in August 2012. My delegation associates ourselves with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Madam Chair,

2. Malaysia supports the UN Programme of Action, which aims to prevent and reduce the misuse and proliferation of small arms. It is hoped that the Programme of Action will be fully implemented by UN Member States as it has provided a road map for the international community to combat the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons.

3. Firstly, at the national level, the Ministry of Home Affairs of Malaysia is the national coordination body that is responsible for the policy, research and monitoring of efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons. The Ministry is assisted by the Royal Malaysian Police and the Royal Malaysian Customs.

4. Malaysia has put in place, adequate and stringent laws, administrative procedures and regulations for the effective control over the production of small arms and light weapons as well as over the exports, imports, transits and re-transfer of such weapons, in order to prevent illegal manufacturing and illicit trafficking or their illegal diversion to unauthorized recipients. Further information regarding these control measures is available in the Programme of Action Implementation Support System’s website.
5. Secondly, at the regional level, Malaysia has participated in various dialogues and working groups within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with regard to the prevention of armed violence and illicit trade of small arms, light weapons and ammunition. Some of the regional or extra-regional frameworks that Malaysia undertakes include, among others, the collaboration between ASEANAPOL and INTERPOL towards the creation of an integrated electronic ASEANAPOL Database System (E-ADS) for information sharing and exchange of intelligence and operational matters on crimes including the illicit trading of small arms and light weapons, and the framework outlined in the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with several ASEAN Member States. These efforts are being pursued in order to address the challenges posed by the porous borders of several countries in Southeast Asian region.

6. Thirdly, at the international level, Malaysia is party to relevant declarations and protocols including the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Malaysia is currently studying the Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition with a view of acceding to the Protocol in the future. In addition, Malaysia is of the view that international cooperation and assistance is essential in the implementation of the Programme of Action. On its part, Malaysia has conducted capacity-building programme on bilateral basis with countries in the Southeast Asia region.

Madam Chair,

7. The Review Conference is a timely opportunity to make significant progress in addressing the risk of illicit trade in small arms and light weapons. Malaysia stands ready to work with other delegations in achieving a successful outcome at the Review Conference.

Thank you, Madam Chair.