Norway attaches great importance on promoting international cooperation and assistance in
the field of small arms and light weapons. In 2011 Norway allocated approximately NOK 24
millions (nearly USD 4.5 millions) various small arms related projects around the world, as
well support to civil society such as Small Arms Survey, IANSA and NISAT. An overview of
Norwegian funded projects can be found at the UNODA web-page.

Projects supported by Norway are either directly linked up to PoA implementation or we
support projects, which will contribute to reach objectives set by the PoA, such as regional
and sub regional initiatives. It should be recalled that after the adoption of the PoA, Norway
contributed substantially to an UNDP project on facilitating member states reporting to the
UN Secretariat.

Activities in the field of armed violence and development related to the Geneva Declaration
and the Oslo Commitments are also highly relevant in relation to achieve the objectives set by
the PoA.

Within other instruments, and not least with the ATT negotiations, Norway has highlighted
the issue of victim assistance. It should be borne in mind that a prime motivation behind the
PoA is human security. By fully implementing the PoA and not least –address some of its
short comings – we may prevent future armed aggressions. Yet, it is a sad fact that armed
violence leads every day to thousands of new victims, and survivors need assistance to rebuild
their lives. This humanitarian imperative must guide us as we move forward.

My delegation agrees that the question on cooperation and assistance should be a topic to
explore further in the follow-up process to the review Conference, either as a separate topic or
as a cross-cutting issue. My delegation also agrees with South Africa that cooperation and
assistance should not only be seen as North-South matter, and that we also must promote
enhanced South-South cooperation.