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Statement on the new guide for reporting (Check against delivery!)

Mister President

At the outset, let me thank you for your initiative to streamline and bring coherence into our reporting procedures. As you pointed out, we have taken over 70 decisions related to reporting over the last 16 years and it is more than timely that we consider simplifying the reporting process.

As you know, we have reporting obligations under many disarmament and arms control regimes and one crucial issue for my delegation is to be able to avoid duplication over these different instruments. Hence we would appreciate to see a transversal approach with instruments which have a thematic proximity.

Concerning the document you proposed, my delegation has had the opportunity to express its views during its elaboration and we thank you for the open and transparent manner in which you and your team have led this work. We are also thankful that our comments and considerations could be integrated into the current draft. We are glad to report that we very much support our initiative and welcome the proposal put forward in the draft document you presented.

The only substantial point that I wish to emphasise, is that the convention requests in its article 7.1(f) that “methods which will be used in destruction and the location of all destruction sites” should be reported. I could not find this reporting obligation reflected in the text before us and believe it could be integrated on page 15 in point 7.

I thank you Mr. President.