Excellency,

I express my appreciation to all States for the active engagement during the first two days of the Fourth Review Conference (RevCon4) on the Programme of Action. More than 100 States have already taken the floor in the general exchange of views.

As announced in my letter dated 7 June, I am pleased to share with you today the next iteration of the draft outcome document “draft 2” as a conference room paper. Attached is one clean version and one with track changes from the “draft 1”. The document has also been made available for everyone on the RevCon4 website.

It is my sincere hope that this “draft 2” will help us move towards achieving a consensual outcome document. It attempts to incorporate as many State suggestions as possible, raised in the recent informal consultations as well as written inputs and other discussions held over the past weeks until today. As many have asked for, I have also made efforts to streamline the text as much as possible as well as to consolidate a number of paragraphs.

We will begin negotiations on this draft, section by section, on Friday 21 June and continue next week.

You will notice that Section IV on developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design, have not been altered in “draft 2” in light of the facilitated process on the Open-Ended Technical Expert Group. To kick off this track, we will have a plenary session tomorrow afternoon dedicated to exchange States’ views on the Open-Ended Technical Expert Group.

In addition to the consultations we will have over the next days, I encourage you to submit written feedback and comments on “Draft 2” to conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

I would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the side events that are being held on the margins of the RevCon4. A live list is available on the RevCon4 Meetings Place.
Allow me to also recognize the working papers that have been submitted by States and our partners on a variety of topics. They are also available on the RevCon4 Meetings Place.

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

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President of the fourth Review Conference