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Res. 68/43 - Transparency in armaments - input required - 29 May 2015

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 68/43, entitled “Transparency in armaments” adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2013.

By operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 (a) of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“3. *Calls upon* Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide the Secretary-General, by 31 May annually, with the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports if appropriate [...];

4. *Invites* Member States in a position to do so, pending further development of the Register, to provide additional information on procurement through national production and military holdings and to make use of the “Remarks” column in the standardized reporting form to provide additional information such as types or models;

5. *Also invites* Member States in a position to do so to provide additional information on transfers of small arms and light weapons on the basis of the optional standardized reporting form, as adopted by the 2006 group of governmental experts, or by any other methods they deem appropriate;

6. (a) *Recalls* its request to Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, including on whether the absence of small arms and light weapons as a main category in the Register has limited its relevance and directly affected decisions on participation, and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction”.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the information outlined above from the Permanent Missions’ Government – on-line through www.un-register.org by **29 May 2015**.¹

Annex included

¹ If the secure Web-based filing of reports poses technical difficulties to a Government’s national point of contact, please contact the Secretariat at: conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

A ‘nil report’ can be submitted by those Governments who last year did not record any imports or exports under the Register’s seven categories of conventional arms but are nevertheless committed to the principle of transparency in armaments. Please note that a ‘nil report’ on the seven main categories of conventional weapons may still include “additional background information” on possible transfers of small arms and light weapons, and on issues such as national holdings and national policies.

Views expressed by Member States under the above-mentioned paragraph 6 (a) can be included under the appropriate tab, and will be reproduced in the Annex to the Secretary-General’s report.

In order to facilitate accurate reporting through possible coordination between suppliers and recipient States, and following the recommendations contained in reports of the Secretary-General², please also find attached an updated list of national points of contact on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

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² A/61/261 para. 126 (g).