The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Chairs of the Regional Groups of Member States and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 69/51 entitled “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects”, by which the General Assembly decided to hold the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts (MGE2) under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects from 1 to 5 June 2015.

In line with established practice, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would kindly remind that it would be grateful to receive the nominations of two States from your Excellency’s regional Group (one from the Eastern European Group as it provides the Chair-designate) to serve in the Bureau of the meeting.

Further to its note verbale requesting the nomination of MGE2 Bureau members dated 6 March 2015, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive these nominations as soon as possible. Kindly send your Group’s nominations to conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

The UN Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations for their support and to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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