REFERENCE: ODA/18-00341/OIMM

SUBJECT: Extension of deadline for the submission of national reports on Resolution 72/20 on “Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures”

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the note verbal on this subject, circulated on 7 February 2018, in the context of the implementation of resolution 72/20 of the General Assembly, entitled “Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures” (www.un.org/disarmament/milex), adopted on 4 December 2017.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs has been advised that some Member States have encountered difficulties in submitting their national reports on military expenditures pertaining to calendar year 2017, in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of resolution 72/70, due to a technical malfunction in the online reporting tool. The problem has been resolved and the electronic reporting tool may accessed through www.un-arm.org/Milex/ReportingOnline.aspx. Meanwhile, the deadline for the submission of the national reports on military expenditures, as well as Member States’ replies to the questionnaire referred to in operative paragraph 9 (c) of the same resolution has been extended to 15 May 2018 (Annex I).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to thank the Governments that have already submitted their reports for their participation in the United Nations Report on Military Expenditure.

In order to facilitate the submission of reports by Member States, an annex has been included with this note with guidelines/instructions for the submission of reports (Annex II).

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

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