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STATEMENT OF THE G77 AND CHINA G77 AND CHINA OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FIREARMS, 21-22 MAY 2012, DELIVERED BY MS. JULIA VILLATORO, PERMANENT MISSION OF EL SALVADOR ON BEHALF OF H.E. ANTONIO GARCIA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU

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Madam Chairperson,

The Group welcomes the start of the activities of the working group on Firearms and would like to congratulate you on your election as Chairperson.

Madam Chairperson,

The fifth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Protocols thereto, decided to establish a working group on firearms to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing UNTOC.

In these coming two days, the delegations present will have an opportunity to share experiences, challenges and good practices on all the issues within the mandate of this Working Group. The outcome of this meeting will provide recommendations to the Conference to improve the implementation of the protocol and better coordination with the various international bodies.

In this regard, the Group wishes to encourage all delegations to lead fruitful and substantive deliberations throughout the course of this session. We stand ready to engage in a constructive dialogue with a view to achieving the objectives of this meeting.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.