The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and has the honor to refer to the letter of his Excellency, Ambassador Zahir Tanin, dated 7 November 2013 and to the informal consultations held on 20 November 2013, regarding the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States Parties to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects (BMS-5).

In this regard, the Permanent Mission is pleased to convey some of the issues that for Mexico are fundamental to discuss during the meetings of the 2014-2018 Review Cycle of the Programme of Action:

- The relation between the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) when this instrument is implemented. It is important to encourage the relation among the PoA, the ATT, the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition to the Palermo Convention and the ITI.
- To strengthen and broaden the measures included in the PoA, especially those related to more effective controls on brokers.
- To consider the issues related to border controls and the diversion of SALW to illicit market.
- To promote a culture of peace for the prevention of armed violence.
- The importance of establishing a clear follow-up mechanism for the PoA.
- To establish a mechanism for the analysis of national reports, in order to have a diagnosis of the effect of the implementation of the PoA at the national level and its effectiveness at the international level. This diagnosis could contribute to determining the causes of the illicit traffic of arms and promote actions to combat it effectively.

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• Focus our attention on the implementation of the commitments of the Second Review Conference of the PoA held in 2012, as well as on those agreed in previous biennial meetings.

• Seize the momentum generated by the adoption of the ATT to promote synergies and complementarities between this Agreement, the PoA, the ITI, and other processes, in order to strengthen regional and global cooperation against the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons. For example, concerning the issue of reporting to the UN, we should discuss the possibility of establishing a unique format of Report that is compatible with the Arms Trade Treaty, the PoA and the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms. This would contribute to avoid duplication of work, increase the level of participation in the submission of reports and promote confidence building, transparency and the strengthening of multilateral institutions.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico looks forward to continue participating actively and in a constructive manner during the preparatory process towards the BMS-5.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan the assurances of its highest consideration.