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on the Future of  
Sport Shooting Activities

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**“A Plea for Good Faith and Cooperation”**

Mr. Chairman, I am Carlo Peroni, President of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities, an ECOSOC NGO made up of over forty hunting, sport shooting and trade associations and representing over ten million individual members worldwide. First let me congratulate you, Ambassador Patokallio, for setting a commendable tone for this meeting by consulting with NGOs prior to the actual start of this gathering. Your efforts at inclusion and transparency are to be commended.

I should briefly like to outline what the hunting and sport shooting community will be presenting today, and then I will conclude with a message I sincerely hope you will all act on.

Mr. Chairman, our presentations will include the following: First, there will be a discussion of the legitimate role played by the hundreds of millions of hunters and sport shooters throughout the world, and there will be a request that this meeting acknowledge that role. Second, Mr. Chairman, we will address the somewhat more technical issues of marking, tracing, ammunition and the definition of what arms the UN should be concerned with. Third, Mr. Chairman there will be a presentation on firearms safety and the firearms industry. Finally, we will make a presentation on the issue of brokering.

Mr. Chairman, having said that, I will conclude with the message I mentioned – one which I hope all present will take to heart. My message is one of good will and cooperation. Both are essential if there is to be real progress in the fight against illicit small arms. Unfortunately there are those who do continue to ignore the fact that hundreds of millions of hunters and sport shooters are legitimate stakeholders in this process.

Let me say this to all who are present. Please do not ignore us. Please do not demonize us. Mr. Chairman, we want to work with you in good faith. We want to cooperate. We are not the problem. We are part of the solution. Thank you.

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