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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director  
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SUBJECT: Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with  
OBJET: draft decision A/74/L.62 entitled "Biennial Meeting of  
States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of  
Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade  
in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and  
the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify  
and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small  
Arms and Light Weapons"

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement  
could be distributed prior to the adoption of the draft decision.

CC: Mr. Ramanathan  
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**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft decision A/74/L.62 entitled "Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons"**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of the third paragraph of draft decision A/74/L.62, the General Assembly would postpone the biennial meeting of States, scheduled from 15 to 19 June 2020, to consider key challenges and opportunities relating to the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Tracing Instrument, to a period in 2021 to be decided by the Assembly, at its 75th session.
3. The adoption of the draft decision would not entail any budgetary implications with regard to the programme budget. Upon a further decision by the General Assembly on the dates of the biennial meeting of States, the Secretary-General would reassess the budgetary implications and advise the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly. Furthermore, in accordance with established practice, the dates of the biennial meeting of States would be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.