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Addendum

III. Summary of deliberations (*continued*)

Agenda item 3

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 3 May 2018, the Working Group considered agenda item 3, entitled “Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Firearms Protocol”. Several speakers recalled the mandate contained in Conference resolution 8/2 regarding the preparation of the questionnaire, namely that it should be a short, precise and focused self-assessment tool for practitioners to assess the implementation of the Firearms Protocol. It was also said that the language of the questionnaire should be consistent with that contained in the Protocol, and it was suggested that, in order to streamline the questionnaire, optional provisions, measures and/or questions that went beyond the scope of the questionnaire or were open-ended could be placed in an optional annex to the questionnaire.

2. The Working Group began carrying out a second detailed reading of the questionnaire, as contained in document CTOC/COP/WG.6/2018/CRP.1, entitled “Non-paper containing a draft questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition”. Delegates provided specific comments and amendments to the text, which was projected on-screen and edited by the Secretariat. As a conclusion of the deliberations on this agenda item, the Chair requested the Secretariat to prepare a new version of the draft questionnaire, based on the comments that were made during the deliberations and which were recorded in the text, and to circulate this version as a new non-paper. The Chair also requested the Secretariat to make available on the website of the Working Group the text as projected on-screen, for information and reference purposes.

3. During the deliberations on this agenda item, it was recommended that, once the negotiations for the preparation of all four questionnaires, related to the Convention and its three Protocols, had concluded, it would be necessary for either the extended Bureau of the Conference, another expert meeting and/or the Conference to review all the questionnaires again in order to eliminate incongruences and duplications among the texts. Such a review could also address the outstanding issue of whether to include questions on the provisions that related to the *mutatis mutandis* application of the Convention into each of the Protocol questionnaires, or rather in the Convention questionnaire.



IV. Organization of the meeting

B. Statements (*continued*)

4. Under agenda item 3, statements were made by representatives of the following States parties to the Firearms Protocol: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Cuba, European Union, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Romania and Switzerland. Statements were also made by the signatory States Canada and China. Statements under the item were also made by the observers for France, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and United States of America.
