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Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition

Report on the meetings of the Working Group on Firearms held in Vienna on 9 June 2015 and on 18 and 19 May 2016

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 5/4, entitled “Illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group on firearms to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Firearms Protocol. The Working Group on Firearms established pursuant to that resolution held its previous meetings on 21 and 22 May 2012 and from 26 to 28 May 2014.

2. In its resolution 7/1 on strengthening the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and its Protocols, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Firearms would be a constant element of the Conference of the Parties, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.

3. The Working Group on Firearms held its third meeting on 9 June 2015 and its fourth meeting on 18 and 19 May 2016. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.6/2015/3 and CTOC/COP/WG.6/2016/3) will be made available to the Conference at its eighth session.

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