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Canada and Japan: amendment to article 2 of the revised draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, submitted at the request of the Chairman

Article 2: Definitions

Subparagraph (d): "Illicit manufacturing"

Canada and Japan propose the following amended text for subparagraph (d):

“(d) ‘Illicit manufacturing’: the manufacturing or assembly of firearms, their parts and components or ammunition:

“(i) From components or parts illicitly trafficked;

“(ii) Without a licence or authorization from a competent authority of the State Party where the manufacture or assembly takes place; or

“(iii) Without marking the firearms at the time of manufacture.¹

“Licensing or authorization of the manufacture of parts and components shall be in accordance with domestic law;”

¹ The delegation of China proposed adding the words “duplicate or false marking” to this provision in order to include cases where firearms were marked at manufacture, but in a manner that would intentionally defeat or resist subsequent efforts to trace them.