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## Proposals and contributions received from Governments

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: amendment to article 10 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

## Article 10 Deactivation of firearms

States Parties that do not recognize a deactivated firearm as a firearm in accordance with domestic law shall take the necessary measures, including the creation of specific criminal offences if appropriate, to prevent the illicit reactivation of deactivated firearms, consistent with the general principles of deactivation set out below:

- (a) All essential parts of a deactivated firearm are to be rendered permanently inoperable and incapable of being removed, replaced or modified so as to permit the firearm to be reactivated in any way;
- (b) Arrangements are to be made for deactivation measures to be verified, where appropriate, by a competent authority to ensure that the modifications made to a firearm render it permanently inoperable;
- (c) Verification by a competent authority is to include a certificate or record attesting to the deactivation of the firearm or a clearly visible and identifying mark stamped on the firearm.