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Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Seventh session Vienna, 17-28 January 2000 Agenda item 5 **Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition**

Proposals and contributions received from Governments

Norway: amendments to articles 5, 9 and 11 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 5: Criminalization

1. The following new subparagraphs should be added to paragraph 1:

"(...) Intentionally providing false, misleading, incomplete or otherwise incorrect information in licensing or authorization documents;

"(...) Intentionally making, procuring or providing fraudulent licensing or authorization documents agreed upon in this Protocol; and

- "(...) Knowing that licensing or authorization documents are fraudulent:
- "(i) Using, dealing with or acting on such documents; and
- "(ii) Causing such fraudulent documents to be used, dealt with or acted on."

Article 9: Marking of firearms

2. The following new subparagraph should be added to paragraph 1:

"(...) Require, at the time of transfer of a firearm from government stocks to permanent civilian use, the appropriate marking of the place of transfer and the serial number."

Article 11: General requirements for export, import and transit licensing or authorization systems

3. The following new paragraph should be added to article 11:

"... States Parties shall endeavor to adopt such measures as may be necessary to ensure that licensing or authorization documents are of such quality that they cannot readily be unlawfully altered, replicated, issued or otherwise misused."