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

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Agenda item 3

**Finalization and approval 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**

#### **Colombia and Mexico: amendment to the preamble 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<sup>1</sup>**

Colombia and Mexico propose to replace the preamble with the following:

#### **“Preamble**

*“The States Parties to the present Protocol,*

*“Aware of the urgent need to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, owing to the harmful effects of those activities on the security of each State, region and the world as a whole, endangering the well-being of peoples, their social and economic development and their right to live in peace, as well as the destabilizing effects closely linked to other transnational criminal activities, the high levels of crime and violence in many cities and communities and the incidence of inter-state conflict,*

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<sup>1</sup> The present proposal was discussed informally by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 26 February 2001.

“*Convinced* that combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition requires international cooperation, the exchange of information and other appropriate measures at the national, regional and global levels,

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“*Considering* the urgent need for all States, especially States that produce, export and import arms, to take the necessary measures to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition,”<sup>2</sup>

“*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, in which the Assembly decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and of discussing the elaboration of, inter alia, an international instrument combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition,

“*Convinced* that supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>3</sup> with an international instrument against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition will be useful in preventing and combating those crimes,

“*Have agreed as follows:*”

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<sup>2</sup> Addition proposed by the delegation of Egypt during the preliminary informal discussion of the proposal.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 55/25, annex I.