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ARMS TRADE TREATY
NEW YORK, 2 APRIL 2013

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Treaty was adopted on 2 April 2013 by resolution 67/234B during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In accordance with its article 21, the Treaty shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States from 3 June 2013 until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Treaty, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation. Electronic copies of the Treaty will be made available in the United Nations Treaty Collection website at the following address:
http://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2013/04/20130410%2012-01%20PM/Ch_XXVI_08.pdf.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address:
<http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

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