



Statement

by

Delegation of Germany

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Madame Vice-President,

I would like to align Germany with the statement of the EU and now add some remarks in a national capacity.

At the outset, we would like to express our gratitude to Ambassador Korhonen of Finland and Ambassador Imohe of Nigeria for their efforts to promote universal adherence to the ATT. The Finish presidency has undoubtedly set a new standard in terms raising visibility of the ATT and promoting its universalization around the globe. Establishing a dedicated Working Group has also been an essential step in guiding and streamlining our collective efforts in this vital area.

Germany firmly believes that universalisation of the ATT remains a major challenge for both its effectiveness and credibility. It is our shared responsibility to turn it into a truly global treaty. Hence, we welcome that many States, much like Germany, engage in a multitude of outreach projects and undertake continuous political efforts to reach out to States not yet party to the treaty. We express our gratitude to Australia and its partners in this regard for their extremely useful document on the benefits of the ATT.

We warmly welcome the five new members of the ATT family and applaud the announcements by countries such as Haiti, Canada and Kazakhstan to soon finish their national ratification process and become full members of the Treaty.

In closing, let me focus on the following specific point.

The ATT's success is ultimately depended on the participation of all major arms producing countries. The example of Germany goes to show that being a traditional exporting state and a staunch supporter of the ATT are not mutually exclusive. Much to the contrary, our security and development interests are best served by the robust norms against the illicit flow of arms and ammunition enshrined in the ATT. We will continue to stress this point and promote the Treaty's benefits in our engagements vis-à-vis other major exporters and of course all other non-State Parties as well.

Thank you very much.