



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Statement of the Netherlands

delivered by

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at

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the Arms Trade Treaty**

Matters pertaining to finances

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Thank you Mr. President.

The Netherlands aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and would like to make additional remarks in its national capacity.

We thank the ATT Secretariat for the presentation on the current financial status. It was a very detailed and helpful presentation. We thank the Management Committee for its work on providing the necessary oversight on the Treaty's finances.

We remain deeply worried about the Treaty's steadily declining financial health. The time for making painful choices such as fewer or shorter meetings is drawing ever nearer.

We can be clear on the underlying cause of the financial problems: non-payment of contributions by certain ATT States Parties. We feel strongly that all Financial Rules, including Rule 8.1.d, which were agreed by consensus, should be implemented in full and we do not support any reopening of this discussion.

We spend two cycles of the ATT on the framework for making a financial arrangement with the secretariat to receive a derogation from Rule 8.1.d. It is very disappointing that no country has used this possibility.

We again call on all States Parties that are in arrears with their financial obligations to fulfill them swiftly and in full so that the Treaty will be on a healthier financial footing and that in the end we can spend less time discussing money and more time on our substantive work.

I thank you.