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Mr. President,

The Philippines reiterates its steadfast commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). We are pleased to share significant progress in the establishment of our national controls.

In line with the working paper put forth by the Romanian Presidency emphasizing the crucial role of interagency cooperation in the effective implementation of the ATT, the Philippines is pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of enabling inter-agency access to our e-licensing system for strategic trade transactions. This advancement not only facilitates digital authorization of strategic trade transactions but also establishes a secure platform for pertinent agencies to engage in consultations regarding our nation's ongoing nonproliferation and disarmament efforts.

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The imminent full implementation of inter-agency access to our e-licensing system marks a significant step towards fortifying a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to ensuring responsible arms trade. Additionally, it will facilitate information and intelligence sharing and prompt consultations among government agencies as we encounter increasingly complex strategic trade transactions.

Our country has also implemented various initiatives to enhance due diligence measures for regulating trade in conventional arms, particularly for destinations of concern and/or areas affected by armed conflict. In compliance with the ATT and other nonproliferation commitments, the Philippines continues to refine its risk assessment matrix and licensing conditions in accordance with global best practices, with special emphasis on aspects pertaining to peace, gender-based violence, and international humanitarian law.

The Philippines likewise extends its appreciation to the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation for its outstanding work in developing a guide to support the implementation of the ATT. As a relatively new State Party, the Philippines is wafer to draw on the valuable insights in the guide. Moreover, this guide is particularly helpful for countries in the process of ratifying the ATT, ensuring that their strategies and initiatives align with established international standards. Additionally, the comprehensive framework for benchmarking best practices that the guide offers allows countries to evaluate their adherence to global standards while also identifying and implementing practices tailored to their specific contexts.



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The Philippines supports the concept of maintaining the voluntary guide as a dynamic document, allowing it to adapt to evolving challenges posed by arms diversions. The Philippines emphasizes the importance of regularly updating and refining these guidelines to effectively attain the goal of the Treaty. This approach will ensure that the guide remains relevant and capable of responding to new threats, and shifting security landscapes that could impact global security.

Thank you, Mr. President.