



**Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. In our national capacity, we would like to add the following remarks.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the substantive discussions held within the working group on Effective Treaty Implementation. Having long advocated for an increased emphasis on the practical implementation of the Treaty, we support the focus of the working groups on concrete implementation measures, the establishment of a multi-year workplan and lists of specific questions to guide these implementation discussions. In this context, we particularly welcome the inclusion of the agenda of the Sub-Working Group on Current and Emerging implementation issues, including discussions on the role of industry in ensuring responsible arms transfers and addressing the risks of conventional arms being used to perpetrate gender-based violence or violence against women and children.

The recent update in the EU Common Position on arms export exports now incorporates Gender Based Violence and violence against women and children as a risk factor in the control of military technology and we encourage other State Parties to continuously consider these aspects in their arms export control assessments. In addition to this, the Kingdom of the Netherlands fully supports the establishment of ATT Gender Focal Points and the related draft decision to systematically apply a gender perspective in all aspects of the ATT implementation. This includes efforts to achieve gender balance and full equal, meaningful and effective participation of women in delegations, panels and meetings, and their leadership roles, also in decision-making processes. It also means providing support to States Parties in fulfilling their obligations under Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty. We would like to thank Mexico for their ongoing efforts for this subject and ask all States Parties to support the official installation of ATT Gender Focal Points.

Furthermore, The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the revised program of work which was piloted in CSP9 and CSP10 cycles. All three working groups devoted considerable attention and 'structured discussions' on practical Treaty Implementation issues, focusing on specific topics within their specific mandates. The Kingdom of the Netherlands continues to support the revised program which not only stimulates efficiency and outcomes, but also brings much needed focus on implementation issues. We would therefore like to like to express our gratitude to the Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, as well as to the ATT Secretariat, for all the work done to increase this practical focus.

Finally, we would like to stress that the incorporation of licensing officers into the ATT meetings is of vital importance. In the end, licensing officers are at the forefront of the practical implementation of the ATT. Their knowledge, experience, recommendations and feedback into the ATT meetings will strengthen the effectiveness of all aspects of Treaty implementation. .

Thank you.