



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.

As universalization remains a fundamental pillar of the Arms Trade Treaty, the Kingdom of the Netherlands fully supports the decision of Argentina as President of this year's ATT to prioritize this important subject. We thank Argentina, and especially Ambassador Foradori, for all the work in promoting universalization during the CSP11 cycle. Your ongoing and dedicated leadership to support and strengthen regional approaches deserves special recognition as it stimulates the general impact of the ATT in regions which remain under represented in the number of States Parties.

While we welcome the steady growth of the ATT family, we recognize that this Treaty is only as effective as it is universal. In this regard, it is essential that we intensify our collective efforts to engage — and, where necessary, re-engage — with the world's major arms exporters and importers. Their participation is vital, as it has the potential to significantly increase the Treaty's overall impact and contribute meaningfully to its core objectives.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore also supports the ATT EU Outreach Project, led by German BAFA and Expertise France, which continues to aim to strengthen the ATT in the multilateral world order.

I thank you.