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Mr. President,

My delegation did not intend to take the floor again, but unfortunately, we are compelled to do so.

We categorically reject the lies heard here today.

Our message is very simple.

The instrumentalization of the ATT for political purposes, which we witness time after time in this forum by some delegations, does a bad service to the purpose of the treaty and any efforts of universalization.

The Treaty should first and foremost focus on improving national export control systems as well as the dangers of diversion to NSA and meet the security needs and challenges of its members, especially in light of the current geopolitical situation.

Further politization of the discussions for the interest of single members, and in detriment of the others, will only weaken this important Treaty.