

Statement of the Czech Republic – General Debate – CSP11

First, let me express our sincere appreciations over your endless efforts, Mr. President, and those by all officeholders.

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

We would like to add some remarks in our national capacity:

The Czech Republic joins the global ATT community reaffirming its steadfast commitment to the Treaty's objectives. From the perspective of the Czech Republic – the Arms Trade Treaty has been functioning well. We believe that it is still relevant to keep in mind and concentrate on its main goals: setting common standards, preventing illicit transfers, promoting transparency, reducing human suffering, and strengthening peace, security, and international cooperation.

The Czech Republic welcomes practical approach which State Parties decided to take to fulfill these goals. Also, despite the clear responsibility of states, we strongly support the continued inclusion of non-state actors, in particular NGOs and industry, in the functioning of the Arms Trade Treaty. A multistakeholder dialogue enhances policy design and effectiveness, as we emphasize the importance of open dialogue with industry regarding responsible arms transfers

Now, at its fourth year of unprovoked, unjustified and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, Russia continues to blatantly violate international law. The Czech Republic would like to recall again that contribution towards Russia's military effort represents a violation of the Treaty.

Year by year, we remain concerned about the financial situation of the Treaty. It is of crucial importance that its effective functioning is preserved, and that the accumulation of arrears does not put our joint efforts at risk. We urge all States to pay their contributions in full and on time.

Mr. President, you can continue to rely on our support. Thank you.