



Statement by Denmark

The Eleventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms

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Mr. President,

Denmark fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and wishes to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

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The current geopolitical situation remains highly uncertain. Ongoing conflicts and heightened tensions compel States to rearm, strengthen defence capabilities and navigate an international environment of enhanced complexity. In this context, responsible arms trade, robust export control mechanisms and due diligence have taken on even greater importance.

The EU Common Position on *common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment* constitutes a detailed framework for implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in the European Union. Denmark remains fully committed to complying with our obligations under the EU Common Position and maintains a transparent approach to the Arms Trade Treaty.

Denmark considers the Arms Trade Treaty to be a central and indispensable instrument. By promoting responsible and transparent arms trade the Treaty contributes to stability and international peace and security. Since the Treaty's entry into force, Denmark has consistently submitted its annual national reports detailing our exports and imports of conventional arms. We encourage more States to follow suit.

Mr. President, given the importance of export control and for the sake of transparency, allow me to share some further details about the Danish implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

In Denmark, the National Police is responsible for issuing licenses for export of military equipment, while the Danish Business Authority (under the

Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs) is responsible for issuing licenses for export of dual-use products.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides a foreign and security policy assessments of individual applications. To ensure a fast and efficient procedure for export of military equipment to close Allies, The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has established a general framework assessment for processing applications for export of military equipment to EU, EFTA and most NATO countries. The framework assessment evaluates the possibility of arms exports to the beforementioned countries, while ensuring compliance with our international legal obligations, which includes the Arms Trade Treaty and the EU Common Position.

In practice, this means that applications for export of military equipment to the aforementioned countries are processed through an expedited procedure without consultation of the MFA. The framework assessment is being evaluated *continuously* to ensure that it is up to date and includes all relevant developments.

As already mentioned, the international regulation of sale and transfer of arms has taken on even greater importance along with the heightened uncertainty of the geopolitical context. Therefore, Denmark welcomes the continued focus on universality of the Treaty and calls for all non-ratifying states to consider ratification.

Lastly, allow me to express our sincere appreciation to you Mr. President, Ambassador Foradori, for your excellent chairmanship, and to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat for its dedicated work. We look forward to a productive and collaborative conference.

Thank you, Mr. President.