**Ireland – General Statement**

**ATT CSP11, 25 – 29 August 2025**

**Geneva**

Thank you

President, allow me to congratulate you, Ambassador Foradori, on assuming the Presidency of the Eleventh Conference of States Parties to the ATT. My delegation would like to thank you and your team, as well as the ATT Secretariat and Working Group Chairs, for the excellent work conducted throughout this CSP cycle. I assure you of our full support in your endeavours towards a successful Eleventh CSP.

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union, and would like to offer the following remarks in a national capacity.

President,

Ireland remains firmly committed to the ATT and its humanitarian objectives. We continue to view the ATT as vital in the pursuit of a safer, more secure world, consistent with the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

We must reaffirm our commitment to advancing the Treaty’s object and purpose, namely: to reduce human suffering through establishing the highest possible common international standards for regulating the international trade in conventional arms, and prevent their diversion. We must continue our collective efforts towards improving Treaty universalisation rates; ensuring timely, comprehensive and public initial and annual reporting; realising the practical, real-life application of the Treaty’s core prohibitions and obligations; and ensuring effective Treaty implementation more broadly.

President,

Any arms transfers in violation of Articles 6 & 7 of the ATT would be of serious concern to my delegation. We call on all States Parties to apply Articles 6 and 7 with the utmost diligence, recognising that these obligations are vital legal safeguards against human suffering. It is important that States Parties take due account of the work of relevant UN agencies and actors, including UN mandate holders based in Geneva, when assessing their obligations under Articles 6 & 7.

In that regard, we welcome the Ad Hoc discussions held under the sub-working group on emerging implementation issues over the last two years, and encourage continued discussions of this nature. It is vital that we address issues of concern head on so that the Treaty remains responsive to real-world events and fit for purpose.

Ireland also welcomes the fruitful discussions held on the role of industry in responsible international arms transfers, particularly with regard to continued awareness raising around industry’s distinct responsibility to respect human rights through adopting human rights due diligence policies and practices. We are eager to build on the last two years of discussions on this topic, and to focussing our efforts on producing concrete outcomes including a reference list for industry and a potential voluntary guidance document.

President,

Ireland warmly welcomes The Gambia, Malawi, and Colombia to the ATT community, bringing the total number of States Parties to 116. This is an encouraging revival of universalisation rates, and we hope this trend continues. This requires our continued focussed efforts. As such, we appreciate your Presidency’s priority theme on universalisation, including your working paper and its recommendations. We look forward to discussing these proposals later this week as well as those under the Working Group on Treaty Universalization. We hope that necessary decisions will be taken to continue bolstering our efforts towards the reinvigoration of accession and ratification rates.

Regarding transparency and reporting, Ireland is concerned at the record low rates of reporting, a legal obligation under the ATT. Without timely, accurate, comprehensive, and public reporting, the Treaty will struggle to achieve one of its core purposes: promoting cooperation, transparency and responsible action by States Parties in the international arms trade. This is essential to building confidence among States Parties. We look forward to finding solutions to these challenges under the WGTR.

President,

Ireland appreciates the various recent initiatives taken forward by States Parties to advance implementation and the effectiveness of our Treaty. These include the efforts undertaken by Mexico to establish gender focal points under the ATT, by Panama to strengthen youth participation in our work, and by the UK on elaborating a 5-year strategy for the ATT. These are timely, welcome initiatives which Ireland supports in principle, and we stand ready to advance these proposals throughout this week and beyond.

President,

Ireland reiterates the importance of a gender-responsive approach in disarmament and arms control. Besides their inherent need, gender-responsive arms control policies and programmes have proven to be more successful and sustainable. It is important that we continue to strengthen efforts towards ensuring full, equal, and meaningful participation of women at all levels, as well as ensuring gender-responsive approaches to programming.

Lastly, we thank the Management Committee for their continued efforts on the review of the ATT programme of Work, including the draft recommendations, which in general we support.

President, Ireland looks forward to supporting you in delivering a successful CSP11, with the view to strengthening ATT universalisation and effective implementation, and ultimately reducing the human suffering caused by illicit arms transfers and their diversion.

I thank you.