



## **Statement of the Kingdom of Norway**

### **The Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), 25. –29. August 2025**

#### **General Debate**

**Mr. President,**

First, let me thank you Mr. President, Ambassador Foradori, for your excellent chairmanship of The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) over the past year. Let me also use this opportunity to thank the ATT Secretariat for their excellent work. Our delegation assures you of our full support in your endeavors towards a successful Eleventh Conference of States Parties.

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

**Mr. President,**

For more than 10 years the ATT has served as the cornerstone of our efforts to mitigate human suffering by establishing the highest possible international standards for regulating the international trade in conventional arms. As the first, and only, international treaty creating legally binding international standards for arms transfers, the ATT is a milestone for the international community.

The set of shared rules and norms the ATT is based on are facing growing pressure. We must commit to the effort of upholding our multilateral system and the Treaty's provisions, especially in challenging times.

We note with concern the risk that geopolitical conflicts pose to what should be an unwavering commitment to the values of the ATT, their universalization, effective treaty implementation, transparency in reporting, and in ensuring the operational capacity of the ATT and its bodies through fulfilling financial obligations.

International standards are most effective when implemented globally – which is why we must continue to push for further universalization of the ATT. We are pleased that the continued focus on universalization is bearing fruits, and we warmly welcome Colombia, Malawi and The Gambia as the latest states to join the ATT. We further encourage signatory states to speed up their ratification processes.

We must also continue to concentrate our efforts on effective implementation. I am pleased to announce that Norway, as last year, contributed NOK 1 000 000 (approx. 98,000 USD) to the Voluntary Trust Fund this year. We believe that such contributions support the further implementation and universalization of the Treaty.

Norway would like to emphasize the importance of close inter-agency cooperation for successful implementation of treaty provisions. The Norwegian government established a new national agency for export control and sanctions, DEKSA, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, effective from January 1st, 2025. The new agency is the focal point for inter-agency cooperation in this field. DEKSA has already strengthened the guidance on export control for industry, has further enhanced its competence and capacity for thorough risk assessments, and has improved national reporting to the ATT.

We look forward to continuing to share with you our experience of the developments within our national export control system, and we encourage national agencies to engage with DEKSA in relevant questions.

For Norway, reducing the risk of diversion and illicit trade of small arms and light weapons (SALW) is a central part of our efforts to reduce armed conflict and violence across the world. We therefore strongly support the continuation of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF). The forum has great potential to provide practical information to tackle the illicit arms trade and contribute to realizing the treaty's objectives. Norway looks forward to sharing some of our experiences with you in this year's DIEF, where our national agency DEKSA will hold a presentation.

The availability of illicit arms also increases the risk of sexual and gender-based violence. Norway emphasizes the importance of a gender-responsive approach in arms control and call on all state parties to continue a systematic focus on women, peace and security in our efforts to implement the objectives of the Treaty.

**Mr. President,** you have the full support of our delegation, and we look forward to a productive and constructive conference.

**Thank you.**