

Arms Trade Treaty – CSP11

Agenda Item 6

Treaty Universalisation

Australia

President,

Australia warmly welcomes Colombia, Malawi, and Vanuatu to the ATT family.

President,

Australia takes its obligation to universalise the ATT seriously. We appreciate your focus on Universalisation and on the Asia-Pacific region in this CSP cycle. Regrettably, this is a region where very few States have signed or ratified the ATT. Australia has built robust relationships with our neighbouring States and our regular business provides us with opportunities to speak on the benefits of joining the ATT family.

President,

In April this year we were pleased to host alongside Japan a Pacific universalisation workshop here in Geneva. We brought together representatives from across conventional arms fora to promote the benefits of joining the ATT.

President,

We believe understanding the underlying reasons why States have not joined the ATT is important. Approaches can therefore be tailored to address the challenges facing States. We particularly commend the United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD), and the Small Arms Survey for their ATT Universalisation work in our region.

OFFICIAL

In February this year, UNRCPD in cooperation with the Small Arms Survey, delivered a webinar on advancing universalisation in the Asia Pacific. It has also conducted several events this year on the control of small arms and light weapons.

Australia commends the report by the Small Arms Survey published last June. We encourage States to use it when preparing for meetings with non-ATT States, to better tailor approaches to universalisation efforts.

President,

We thank you for your kind words suggesting the ATT@10 anniversary activities could serve as a model for sustained outreach efforts. We agree awareness-raising is a key first step in engaging non-ATT States' interest in joining the ATT family.

Thank you.