

Statement of the Czech Republic – Treaty Universalization – CSP11

Mr. President, the Czech Republic aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

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

Firstly, the Czech Republic would like to commend decision of the Argentina´s presidency of CSP11 to take up “Universalization as a priority” as its theme.

We would also like to thank Ambassador Foradori and Ambassador Rusu for facilitating the Working Group this year and for their report.

We would like to again reiterate our congratulations to Gambia, Malawi and Colombia for ratifying the ATT.

The Czech Republic supports practical approach to the effort of universalization combining expert as well as political level, e.g. raising ATT ratification in various bilateral conversations with signatory and non-signatory states as well as in regional cooperation and engagement.

The Czech Republic is well aware of its responsibility as an arms exporter. The Czech experts play an active role in promoting ATT membership and its proper implementation under the EU Outreach Project in support of the ATT implemented by BAFA and Expertise France. In May 2025, the Czech Republic hosted a study visit of the delegation of Thailand. Its aim was to support Thailand’s progress toward ratifying the ATT by sharing advanced practices in licensing of trade in armaments, interinstitutional cooperation, law enforcement, as well as perspective of an industry representative on the ATT.

Preparation of another study visit of experts from a signatory but not the ATT state party state is underway.

We look forward to congratulating further States on their ratifications in the years to come.

Thank you.