



Statement delivered by Japan
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Mr. President,

Japan commends the continued efforts of Ambassador Foradori and Ambassador Rusu to promote the universalization of the Treaty. We warmly welcome Gambia, Malawi and Columbia to the Treaty.

Under the current international environment, it is imperative that all States Parties and stakeholders further promote the universalization of the Treaty with urgency. We once again call on all non-State Parties to join the Treaty at the earliest possible date.

Mr. President,

Japan has made universalization efforts, especially focusing on Asia-Pacific States, in line with the Workplan for ATT Universalization Efforts the CSP10 welcomed. One example of this is the 19th Asia Senior-Level talks on Non-Proliferation, held last October in Tokyo. Another instance is the Sub-Regional Meeting on Enhancing Cooperation for ATT Universalization and Humanitarian Disarmament, hosted by the Philippines in February, where Japan shared its practices in Treaty implementation and lessons learned in making use of ATT mechanisms, such as the Voluntary Trust Fund, and further exchanged on challenges faced by non-State Parties in the region.

Moreover, the outreach event for Pacific Island States held in April, which Japan organized together with Australia, was a meaningful step towards universalization, with several Pacific Island States making positive statements regarding their intentions of joining the Treaty. Given that each country faces different challenges, it would be more effective for there to be cooperation among multiple States Parties, who could share lessons learned and insights gained, to take a coordinated approach.

Mr. President,

In advancing universalization efforts, the Voluntary Trust Fund, the Sponsorship Programme, and the role of the Secretariat remain vital. Japan remains ready to contribute to ATT universalization through coordinating with States Parties and civil society at various occasions, and by continuing dialogue with non-State Parties.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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