

Arms Trade Treaty – CSP11
Agenda Item 7
Effective Treaty Implementation
Australia

President,

May I just thank the Philippines for their positive leadership of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation this cycle.

President,

The CSP11 cycle has been marked by a determined push towards a stronger focus on practical implementation of the treaty. The ATT@10 Report, along with the UK's political declaration, followed by engaging and interactive working group meetings, have laid a solid foundation for progress. We welcome the UK's proposal of a five-year Strategy. It has the potential to maintain the momentum for change and offers opportunities for a coherent approach on practical implementation.

We support the format of the February Working Group meetings with the use of structured discussions in line with multi-year workplans. This format was very effective in engaging participants and in directing the discussions and presentations down the most useful paths. The presentations enriched our discussions and helped build understanding and we were pleased to contribute with a presentation on our national control system.

President,

We welcome the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation's report and thank those involved for their hard work. Australia is supportive of the

recommendations. In particular, we would welcome the development of more voluntary guidance or good practice guides for gender-based violence (GBV) risk assessments. Ending sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is a key priority of the Australian government, including through its *International Gender Equality Strategy* and second *National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2021-31*. Our new five-year \$20 million initiative in Southeast Asia aims to support locally led and informed efforts to end SGBV in all its forms.

President,

We support the development of reference materials and voluntary guidance on international humanitarian law and international human rights law for industry actors. Australia's export control authority, Defence Export Controls, has a well-established program of engagement with industry and a comprehensive website that provides information on Australia's export control framework and the permit application process.

We look forward to continuing moving towards strengthening implementation of this treaty

Thank you.