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On Treaty Implementation

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Thank you President for the floor.

I take the floor on behalf of the DMUN Foundation and on behalf of 17 youth organizations that voluntarily align with our statement.

Mr. President, we welcome the report of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation.

Please allow us to provide short recommendations on children and youth-oriented treaty implementation.

On imports and control lists, Articles 3 and 4 require regulation of ammunition and components, yet oversight of parts remains the weakest link in national systems. Components often move with significantly less scrutiny than finished arms.



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Their immediate recipient is assessed, while the final end user--the one whose conduct should matter most under Articles 6 and 7--is treated as secondary.

Children and youth face the consequences of this loophole directly. Every time a missile or aircraft reaches a battlefield, the instability it causes reverberates into our schools and communities. Closing the component gap is therefore essential to protecting future generations.

On gender-based violence, we commend Mexico for their proposal to establish gender focal points, an important step to give real effect to Article 7(4). They should advise licensing authorities directly, apply concrete GBV risk-assessment tools, and incorporate evidence gathered from afflicted communities. For young people, this matters because violence rooted in gender norms often shapes the environments where we come of age and curtails our rights long before adulthood.

On industry due diligence, voluntary pledges are a shield for inaction. Companies that profit from the arms trade cannot be left to grade their own homework. States Parties should move quickly in crafting binding requirements with oversight that has teeth. They should treat corporate conduct with the same seriousness as state conduct. Without accountability in both, we undermine this Treaty's credibility.

Colleagues, every weakness in this Treaty's implementation magnifies across generations. Children and youth cannot wait for promises to materialize years from now--we live the consequences today.

We implore you to act with the urgency that the next generation deserves.

Thank you.