**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)**

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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. At the outset, Thailand wishes to thank Ambassador Răzvan RUSU, for your leadership and the ATT Secretariat for the hard work in facilitating the Tenth Conference of State Parties (CSP10) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).
2. For 10 years, the ATT has contributed to regional and international peace and security and helped reducing human suffering by combatting illicit trade of arms and their diversion through reinforcing the regulations on international arms trade and States’ accountability.
3. As a Signatory, Thailand reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the ATT and is working towards the Treaty’s ratification. To facilitate a ratification process, the Office of the National Security Council, a national focal point, has established an inter-agency mechanism and conducted a series of consultations. This is to ensure that Thai domestic laws and regulations will provide effective control over the export, import, transit, trans-shipment and brokering of conventional arms in accordance with the Treaty, and be able to catch up with the rapid development in the arms trade.

Mr. President,

1. Thailand wishes to share our reflection as follows:
2. First, international cooperation and assistance are indeed an effective tool in building the capacity of the States Parties, and assisting Non-States Parties in addressing challenges, be they sexual and gender-based violence or threats arising from emerging technologies, which can complicate international efforts to regulate the transfer of conventional arms.
3. In this connection, Thailand has collaborated with all partners, particularly the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and the Expertise France (EF) under the EU-ATT Outreach Project. The various workshops and other capacity-building activities provide opportunity for our agencies to learn directly from the best practices and experiences of the States Parties which will assist the ratification process.
4. Second, Thailand supports the adherence to the norms stipulated in the ATT, which contributes to the Treaty’s universalization and confidence building efforts at regional and international levels. We stand ready to work with all partners, including private sectors, to promote such norms. We have also hosted several ATT-related activities, including the 2nd ATT Train the Trainer Workshop in Asia in Bangkok last month, as requested by the ATT Secretariat.

Mr. President,

1. In closing, Thailand wishes to reaffirm our full support for the Treaty. We are confident that the meeting will result in successful outcomes and achieve its purposes through the spirit of engagement and cooperation.
2. Thank you.

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