Announcement regarding the Arms Trade Treaty Ratifications and Accessions during the Argentinian Presidency

In my capacity of the President-designate of the Sixth Conference of States Parties, I would like to welcome all States Parties that have recently joined the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), particularly during the current Argentinian Presidency. These include the Maldives, Namibia and China, the most recent ATT accession taking the number of States Parties to 107. We are pleased that the ATT has reached this important universalization milestone considering that the Treaty has been in force for less than six years.

Whilst celebrating this important milestone, we must always remember that for the Treaty to be truly universal the current level of membership needs to increase through our consistent effort to encourage all states including exporting and importing states to joint Treaty. I call upon States Parties and the entire ATT community to spare no effort in advancing the Treaty universalization objective. It is only when as many states as possible have joined Treaty that we can fully attain the international norm of responsible transfers in conventional arms.

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