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Note Verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine presents its compliments to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat and, with reference to the note published on the ATT website entitled "Explanation of Position on the State of Palestine," which conveys a statement from Australia, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Germany, kindly finds attached the State of Palestine's response. The State of Palestine requests that this response be published on the website.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat, the assurances of its highest considerations.

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Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat
Geneva, Switzerland



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The State of Palestine regrets the “Explanation of position on the “State of Palestine”” issued by Australia, Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Netherlands, and Germany regarding their national positions towards the State of Palestine. The State of Palestine expresses its deep concern towards their continued attempts to politicize the work of the Arms Trade Treaty. The State of Palestine reiterates that such statements contradict the aims and objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty and hinder its effective implementation and universalization.

Furthermore, the State of Palestine reiterates that, in accordance with ATT and its bylaws, the participation of the State of Palestine in the ATT conference is not contingent upon the approval of any State party. As a State Party to the Arms Trade Treaty and many other international treaties, the State of Palestine will remain an active and engaged member of the international community. The State of Palestine will exercise its rights as a State Party to the ATT and honor its obligations with respect to all other States Parties. Likewise, the State of Palestine expects that other States Parties will also act within the confines of their rights and obligations under the treaty, respecting its mandate and other State Parties.