

DISCURSO DO BRASIL A SER PRONUNCIADO DURANTE A II INFORMAL
PREPARATÓRIA DA CONFERÊNCIA DOS ESTADOS PARTES (CSP8) DO
TRATADO DE COMÉRCIO DE ARMAS (ATT)

ANFITEATRO D, CICG, GENEBRA, 29/4/22

13:00-16:00

GOOD AFTERNOON, DEAR COLLEAGUES. BRAZIL IS GLAD TO TAKE THE FLOOR FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THIS ATT MEETING, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF AMBASSADOR THOMAS GÖBEL, IN PREPARATION TO THE 8TH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES. WE COMMEND THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY FOR ITS WORK, AS WELL AS THE CHAIRS OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND SUBWORKING GROUPS WHICH SUCCESSFULLY RECONVENED DURING THIS BUSY WEEK.

BRAZIL INTERNALIZED THE CONTROL OF ARMS TRADE THROUGH FEDERAL LAW (“THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR THE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF DEFENSE PRODUCTS”), AND BY STEPPING UP THE COMBAT TO ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING BY MEANS OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM DEDICATED TO TRACKING CONTROLLED PRODUCTS AND OF INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED CENTERS - WITH THE ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIRFORCES, THE FEDERAL POLICE AND THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL REVENUE OFFICE, WORKING COLLABORATIVELY.

SUPPORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES IS ALSO A BRAZILIAN PRIORITY. OUR NAVY HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PART IN CAPACITY BUILDING OPERATIONS UNDER THE UN OR IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER NAVIES, AS WE DID IN LEBANON, UNTIL 2021, AND IN BAHREIN AND AT THE GUINEA GULF.

ACCORDING TO OUR FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, CONTROL OVER FABRICATION AND TRADE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMAND HAS THE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE POWER TO AUTHORIZE, REGULATE AND FISCALIZE ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE CONTROLLED PRODUCTS. IT IS THE BRAZILIAN ARMY THAT AUTHORIZES EXPORTS OF CONTROLLED PRODUCTS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS AS WELL. THE SAME APPLIES TO IMPORTS OF CONTROLLED PRODUCTS.

IN SUM, BRAZIL COUNTS WITH A MATURE AND REGULATED SYSTEM FOR THE DOMESTIC ACQUISITION, REGISTRATION, POSSESSION, AND SALE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. WE HAVE A CONSOLIDATED NATIONAL ARMS SYSTEM AND A MILITARY WEAPONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ALREADY IN PLACE.

OF COURSE, BEING A COUNTRY WITH A 8000 KM-LONG COAST – AND A 15000 KM LONG LAND BORDER -, BRAZIL WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE TOPIC OF TRANSIT AND TRANSHIPMENT BY SEA, SUGGESTED BY THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF BARBADOS DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETINGS, WHICH WAS TACKLED IN THE SUBWORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 9, AND THAT COUNTED WITH THE COMPETENT PRESENTATION BY DR. JULIA HÖRNIG. BRAZIL IS ALSO MOTIVATED BY – AND INTERESTED IN TAKING PART OF - THE DIF - DIVERSION INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM.

WE MUST NOT FORGET THE ATT IS A NON-PROLIFERATION INSTRUMENT - AND NOT A DISARMAMENT TREATY. AS BOTH A LATIN AMERICAN AND A SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY, BRAZIL IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT GUN PROLIFERATION IS AN IMPORTANT RISK FACTOR FOR CRIME AND VIOLENCE. OUR REGION, LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD, WILL BENEFIT FROM THE ONGOING UNIVERSALIZATION EFFORTS, AND WE CONGRATULATE THE PHILIPPINES FOR COMPLETING ITS ACCESSION PROCESS.

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

IRRESPECTIVE OF OUR STATUS, BRAZIL IS FULLY DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ATT. WE ARE FOLLOWING VERY CLOSELY THE DEBATE WITHIN THIS FORUM WITH GREAT BENEFIT FOR OUR INSTITUTIONS.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS VERY PRODUCTIVE WEEK OF MEETINGS. THANK YOU, MR CHAIR.