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Statement by the Delegation of Brazil

WORKING GROUP ON TREATY UNIVERSALIZATION (WGTU)

Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to Gambia and Malawi as the newest States Parties to the ATT.

We also thank you and Ambassador Yoon for your work as Co-Chairs of this Working Group, and we appreciate the detailed and insightful presentation given today by Mr. Dladla on the state of signatures and ratifications of the Treaty.

Having due regard to the primary priority that the CSP9 gave to Signatory States, we wish to stress the importance of not losing sight of possibilities for accession by non-signatory States that might be inclined towards joining the ATT. A structured and targeted approach could include sharing information with those States on how the ATT could enhance their security and strategic concerns.

Wisely, the CSP9 decided that this WG would remain – I quote – “open and engaged with other States interested in joining the Treaty at any time, as well as taking into account developments relevant to the objectives of the Treaty”.

Mr. President,

The parameters for prioritizing our efforts in this regard should transcend procedural sequencing for signature and ratification, incorporating a broader political assessment. In this light, regional champions have unique positions that could enable insights about the possibility for accession. Your draft is eloquent in this respect.

When identifying States that are either "ready to join the Treaty within a short time" or "inclined towards joining the Treaty in the coming years," we should also consider the concrete potential that these States represent in terms of fulfilling the objectives of the ATT.

Co-Chairs,

We support your draft work plan, which is robust. However, as we raised both in February and in May, and in order to align the plan with the CSP9 final report, we would recommend further attention to our secondary priority: States that, despite not having yet signed the Treaty, could have an inclination towards joining the ATT.

The wording of the draft work plan (especially Paragraph 7) should transcend the primary priority (Signatory States) and encompass our secondary priority as well (States that are "ready to join the Treaty within a short time" or "inclined towards joining the Treaty in the coming years").

Thank you.