



**Statement by H.E. Dell Higgle
Ambassador for Disarmament**

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Thank you Mr Chair.

At the outset I would like to register New Zealand's particular thanks to Switzerland, as chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, and to the chairs of its various sub-working groups. We are deeply appreciative of the extensive efforts that went into preparations for meetings of the Working Group. We wish to commend, in particular, the commitment by the Chair and sub-Chairs to ensuring that the content and presentation of the Group's work engaged all ATT States Parties, whatever their geography or arms profile and however well-developed or recently established their arms control systems. We consider this diversity to have been a key ingredient in the Working Group's success this year and we encourage future Chairs and sub-Chairs to continue this practice.

Having addressed the crucial importance of implementation already in our general statement, I will keep this intervention brief and simply note New Zealand's support for the conclusions and recommendations of the report on the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation. In particular, we are pleased that the report confirms the need to continue work on the implementation of Articles 6 and 7.

New Zealand also welcomes the proposal for the Working Group to elaborate a "welcome pack" for new States Parties to help them with the process of assessing what they need to do to implement the ATT. We think this is an excellent idea and one that will also prove useful as part of outreach efforts on universalisation and as a source of inspiration for States considering applying for support from the Voluntary Trust Fund.

Finally, Mr President, and at the national level, I note that New Zealand has recently passed legislation enhancing our compliance with the Arms Trade Treaty by enacting new brokering legislation which will come into force on 1 February 2019. We are pleased to have completed this important step and will update our initial report accordingly.

Thank you Mr President.