

## **CSP4 GENERAL DEBATE - HUNGARY**

Thank you Mr President,

At the outset, please allow me to thank you, Ambassador Takamizawa and your team for the leadership and dedication displayed throughout the year, in preparation for a successful fourth Conference of States Parties.

Hungary fully subscribes to the statement of the European Union, delivered earlier today; therefore, I would only like to make a few remarks in our national capacity.

Today's Conference is the fourth meeting of the States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty. While the ATT is still a rather young international convention, we have already seen it entering into force, expanding geographically and consolidating its procedures and institutional structure. Thus, all prerequisites are there for its effective implementation, which needs to be, we believe, the main priority at this stage.

Hungary very much values the progress made on the universalisation of the Treaty. We would especially like to welcome today those countries that have signed or ratified the ATT since the last conference of the States Parties.

In order for the Treaty to be implemented in an effective manner, we need to ensure that the countries joining the ATT put in place, as early as possible, a national control system that is based on the objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty for items falling under the scope of the Treaty. This would also contribute to better reporting practices.

The Voluntary Trust Fund has been, and remains a great asset to provide support and assistance to those countries that have yet to develop their national control systems and build relevant capacities. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Japan in particular, for its outstanding contribution to the VTF.

On the other hand, however, as long as key players remain outside its scope, the impact and efficiency of the Treaty cannot be but limited. Therefore, major arms manufacturing and exporting States should continue to be approached, including those who have already signed the Treaty but have not progressed further towards ratification so far, as their accession to the Arms Trade Treaty would make a qualitative difference.

Finally, Mr President, Hungary trusts that we can also contribute to the effective implementation of the ATT by creating and reinforcing synergies with relevant international and regional frameworks of cooperation. Most recently, at the third Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) the ATT was referred to, by many, as a tool that supports the objectives of the SALW PoA. We need to further build on the mutually reinforcing impact of the various organisations and mechanisms, in order to promote responsible trade in arms and ammunitions that is at the very heart of the ATT.

Thank you, Mr President.