



GEORGIA

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. President,

One can not dispute that the adoption and entry into force of the ATT was crucially important step vis-a-vis preventing the illicit arms trade, although it was still just first step, which is in a dire need of the effective follow up. Numerous challenges are still there and full and effective implementation of the ATT is in order.

Mr. President,

Georgian Export Control Policy is based on the principle of fulfillment of international obligations taken by Georgia in the scope of UN Resolutions and other appropriate Non-proliferation and Security Regimes, through which Georgia contributes to the international stability and security.

As the ATT is a normative Treaty and seeks to promote appropriate governmental regulation of the cross-border trade of conventional arms, Georgia made every effort to expedite the domestic procedures to implement the Treaty. Various significant measures have been conducted in regard with provisions defined by the ATT. In particular, in the frame of the *EU Outreach in Export Control Program and US State Department Export Control and Border Security (EXBS) Program* in close cooperation with EU and US experts has we introduced new national legislative tools, which regulate control of military and dual use items, particularly:

- Georgian Law on the Control of Military and Dual Use Products

- Georgian Governmental Decree N372 on the Definitions of Control Measures of Military and Dual Use Products
- Georgian Governmental Decree N396 on the Approval of Lists of Military and Dual Use Items
- Order of the Minister of Defense of Georgia N65 on the Approval of the regulations of the Standing Commission of Military Technical Issues of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia
- Law of Georgia on Licenses and Permits

One of the main components of effective strategic trade controls is the adoption of control lists which meet international standards. Georgia's military product list is identical to the Common Military list of the European Union (*Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP*), as well as the list of dual use goods is identical to the consolidated dual-use list of the EU (*Council Regulation 428/2009*)

In this regard, I would like to thank the EU P2P ATT Outreach Project, the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France for their valuable contribution in fulfilling the second phase of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty. The framework of the EU P2P ATT Outreach Project is the main tool which supports Georgia to address the challenges with respect to the effective implementation of the ATT. As mentioned the EU P2P ATT Outreach Project is the basic tool which assists Georgian licensing and customs officers in effective and accurate implementation of the Treaty.

Dear Colleagues,

Effective implementation of the Treaty must remain our key objective and Georgia stands ready to fully contribute to this goal.