

## **Statement by Norway on ATT implementation Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, Tokyo.**

**Thank you Mr. President, Thank you Mr. Chair**

Norway will take this opportunity to thank all the efforts made by the co-chairs and facilitators of the ATT Working Groups during the CSP4 Working Group sessions held in Genève of the last year. I am taking the floor to reiterate one of the points made by my delegation during the general debate on Monday related to the importance of the ATT working groups already established. Norway consider these as key arenas in developing ideas and plans for the work between and during conferences of states parties.

**The working group on effective implementation** is indeed important in laying the ground for the establishment of national institutions, including necessary processes and procedures required to fulfill treaty obligations. This delegation therefore continues to support the proposed mandate and recommended list of priority topics. Norway will promote the attendance of relevant national experts on export control from relevant and competent national institutions to be present at the working groups. We strongly believe that active discussions and relevant exchange of both information and experience, is vital for continuing and even advancing the work in terms of implementation of the ATT principles and for the Treaty's longevity.

Export licensing officers hold a significant expertise in assessing criteria such as ATT Article 6, 7 and 11 as well as other criteria and considerations that State Parties may apply in the field of arms' trade. Export licensing officers are well aware about import control regulations as well as the risk of diversion. Likewise, experts are usually involved in different reporting requirements similar to that of the ATT, and could therefore contribute to a more effective understanding on collecting the relevant data and the process of issuing the annual ATT report on time.

As we have learned, there are still gaps to fill with regard to States Parties' efficiency in providing the reports required by the treaty. The working group on Transparency has still important and necessary work to do in reaching our common goals in the field of transparency and reporting. Norway will always strive for openness and transparency related to the export of both military and strategic goods. Nationally we achieve this by presenting annually a white paper on the export of arms and other military and strategic goods to the Norwegian parliament. As from late September, this document will be publicly available in a summarized English version on the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website. In addition to providing information about the factual export of defense related equipment, the paper also provides information about the relevant Norwegian legislation and national policy guidelines.

Finally, let me underline that, in the end of the day, the work and achievements of all of the Working Groups' rely on the good will and efforts of each State Party. Norway will continue to hold the strong view that all the ATT Working Groups are core to the success of the ATT.

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