



European Union

EU Key Messages

Working Group on Treaty Universalisation

Arms Trade Treaty

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Madam and Mr. Co-Chairs,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The candidate countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina¹ and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

The EU warmly welcomes Gabon as 112th State Party and congratulates Andorra, which will become the 113th State Party on the 2nd of March.

The EU calls on all States Parties to continue the collective engagement and outreach efforts to non-State Parties, underlining the benefits of joining the ATT, thus contributing to international and regional peace and stability. The EU, as a regional organization and a global actor, continues to address the issue of ATT universalization in the context of EU bilateral dialogues on disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control with third non-State Party countries.

The EU expresses its general support for recommendations presented by Germany, including a switch to multi-year planning, focus on signatory states, regional champions, tailored assistance and enhanced coordination efforts. Many of these working methods are already employed by implementing agencies of the 2021 EU Council Decision on ATT outreach, which also support Treaty universalization.

Thank you, Madam and Mr. Co-Chairs.

¹ North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.