**Ireland – WGTU Statement**

**ATT CSP10, 19 – 23 August 2024**

**Geneva**

Mr. President

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU, and would like to offer the following remarks in a national capacity.

First, my delegation thanks the co-chairs, Ambassador Rusu and Ambassador Yoon, for your efforts in the promotion of Treaty universalization. We are pleased to welcome the Gambia and Malawi to the ATT, bringing the tally to 115 States Parties – and we look forward to carrying forward this renewed momentum.

Crucial in doing so will be operationalizing the updated work plan for the Working Group on Treaty Universalisation for CSP11 to CSP13, which is a product of extensive deliberation and consideration over the last couple of years, and which Ireland fully supports. In particular, the role of regional champions will be key for supporting future co-chairs, and we encourage states in regions with low membership to take on these respective leadership roles. Civil society will also play a vital role, given their extensive networks, years of experience on the ground, and understanding of respective national and regional contexts.

We also support the alignment of the WGTU with the work of the Working Group on Treaty Implementation, in particular regarding the ATT ratification and domestication process, and we welcome the list of practical questions in this regard. We underline the importance of capturing the insights gathered from the proposed contributions and presentations, and leveraging them towards drawing lessons for overcoming obstacles and challenges in the regions with low Treaty membership.

Chair,

Ireland reiterates that universalization must be accompanied by effective Treaty implementation and compliance. International standards are strongest and most effective when they are universally applied. We also reiterate our call for non-State Parties, particularly the major arms exporters and importers, to join the ATT community without further delay.

Thank you.