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Madame President,

At the outset, I would like to thank you and Ambassador Foradori of Argentina for presenting an overview of the universalization activities and of the efforts undertaken in this regard.

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. I would like to add a few remarks in my national capacity.

We welcome the recent ratifications of the Treaty by Ecuador and Vanuatu and express the hope that additional States will follow their example. In recent years, the Treaty has encountered difficulties in expanding its membership, and we believe that renewed commitment is required, particularly with regard to States in regions where participation remains limited, as well as key arms importers, exporters, and transit States that are still outside the Treaty. In this context, we support the continuation of structured discussions on national ratification, accession, and domestication practices, as initiated by CSP10, which we consider a useful platform for identifying obstacles and fostering partnerships to address them.

We also believe that the “Universalization as a Priority” document endorsed by CSP11 provides a clear framework to generate renewed momentum and reinvigorate efforts toward universalization. In this regard, we remain committed to including the ATT in the agendas of bilateral and regional meetings, as well as to promoting peer-to-peer

exchanges, information-sharing missions, and the sharing of best practices related to Treaty implementation. We also support the Secretariat and the Presidency in developing targeted awareness-raising campaigns through digital tools, social media platforms, and traditional media, with the aim of highlighting the humanitarian impact and achievements of the ATT, building on the example of the activities carried out under the “ATT@10” anniversary initiative.

Thank you, Co-Chairs.