

**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan  
at the Sixth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty  
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**Mr. President,**

At the outset, on behalf of the Government of Kazakhstan, I would like to thank the Argentinian Presidency for the excellent work done in preparation of the Conference despite the unusual circumstances. We deeply appreciate your leadership and initiatives for this 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties — in particular, your focus on transparency and information sharing. Our gratitude goes also to the ATT Secretariat, the chairs and facilitators of the Working Groups as well as to members of the Bureau and the Management Committee.

**Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan considers the ATT as an instrument to realize international peace, security and stability, and reduce human suffering. Kazakhstan remains firmly committed to the Treaty's goals of setting the highest possible common international standards to regulate the international trade in conventional arms and ammunition and preventing and eradicating their illicit traffic and diversion. To achieve such goals, universalization and implementation are key priorities.

The ATT has been successful in bringing together more than 100 States Parties to agree that arms trade practices be made transparent and open to scrutiny. The Treaty has been a significant milestone in dealing with the risks of the unregulated arms trade and its loopholes.

However, for the treaty to be effective globally, it must be more widely adopted. The focus for the current state of the ATT and for inclusion of more States Parties, especially with regard to major arms importers and manufacturers, remains important and urgent.

We congratulate and warmly welcome new states that have joined the Arms Trade Treaty – the Maldives, Namibia, China, Sao Tome and Principe, Afghanistan and Niue. It is only through universalization that the Arms Trade Treaty will reach its full potential.

We would like to commend Argentinian Presidency, and the Working Group on Effective Treaty Universalization (WGTU), for their efforts in promoting the Treaty. Kazakhstan assuming the role of Vice-President of CSP6 has taken up opportunities to reach out to other countries that are not yet parties to the ATT, particularly from the Asia Pacific region, to sign up or ratify the Treaty. We will continue to work in this area. We believe that priority should be given to countries that are major manufacturers, exporters and importers of military goods.

**Mr. President,**

We are confident that effective national implementation is the key to ensuring that the Arms Trade Treaty becomes a truly strong and effective international instrument for the suppression of illicit arms trafficking.

To ensure effective implementation of the Treaty, besides its responsible implementation at the national level, it is of the utmost importance to strengthen

the international cooperation and assistance through sharing information, knowledge, and experience and providing other forms of assistance.

**Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan has unilaterally accepted obligations under the international regimes it seeks to join, including the MTCR and the Wassenaar Arrangement. The government of Kazakhstan updated the lists of goods for military use of the Wassenaar Arrangement.

We believe that active and constructive participation of all stakeholders – States Parties, international, regional and non-governmental organizations as well as industry and civil society – will help to achieve the objectives of the ATT.

Finally, let me reassure you of Kazakhstan's full support in reaching the objectives of the Treaty.

**Thank you for your attention.**