Thank you, Mr. President,

Since this is my delegation first time taking the floor, I wish to Congratulate you and your team for effectively conducting the affairs of the *CSP10*. You can count on my delegation support. I would also like to congratulate the co-chairs of the Working Group on Treaty Universalisation (WGTU) for working tirelessly during the CSP9 and CSP10 meeting cycles to support signatory and non-signatory States in their efforts towards joining the Treaty. Liberia aligns with the Statement delivered by Burkina Faso on behalf of the African Group. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the ATT Secretariat for the death of their colleague.

As a state party, Liberia has been committed to the full implementation of the ATT and made significant progress towards national implementation of the ATT including becoming one of the first countries in Africa to domesticate the ATT into national laws.

Your Excellency, we are pleased to note that our national efforts to implement the ATT are also being complimented by the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat support to Liberia through the Voluntary Trust Fund signifying the importance of international assistance – the topic under discussion. So far, Liberia has benefited from several grant cycles, funding different initiatives to promote national ATT implementation. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the ATT Secretariat for the support towards our national implementation of the ATT. Moreover, our implementation efforts are strengthened by the high level of cooperation between key national implementers including state security agencies and other relevant institutions.

Mr. President, after 10 years of the ATT existence we note the steady progress being made to promote the universalization of the Treaty and call on states parties to prioritize full implementation of the Treaty as well as encourage non-signatory states to commit to this historic Treaty. We congratulate Malawi and The Gambia for committing to the Treaty.

Excellencies, distinguished participants, this part of my statement is jointly made by Liberia and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) regarding the **“Monrovia workshop** **to support universalization and effective implementation of the ATT”,** which was organized by the Liberia National Commission on Arms in partnership with UNIDIR and funded by the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF). The first pan-African workshop on the ATT was held in March 2024 in Monrovia, Liberia and brought together over fifty participants from ATT States Parties, Signatory States and non-signatory States in Africa, including also representatives from the ATT Secretariat, the African Union, and sub-regional organizations in Africa.

The Monrovia Workshop underscored the fact that “no two states share the same challenges for finalizing the process to become a State Party” or for implementing the obligations of the Treaty after becoming a State Party. Nevertheless, while there is no one-size-fits-all approach, some common challenges and elements for supporting implementation do exist. Participants emphasized several effective measures and lessons learned such as the importance of high-level sensitization and political will, capacity building, inter-agency cooperation and international cooperation and assistance.

Mr. President, Excellencies, distinguished participants, one of the main objectives of this landmark workshop was to make a contribution towards increasing the number of ATT States Parties in the Africa region. Hence, we are very pleased to announce that the Treaty’s two newest States Parties, the Gambia and Malawi participated in the Monrovia Workshop.

Liberia and UNIDIR deem the Monrovia Workshop model as a useful approach for facilitating a regional dialogue for overcoming challenges faced in ATT universalisation and implementation; along with workshop participants, we would recommend it as a potential model to be replicated in other regions.

The Republic of Liberia, UNIDIR as well as the participating States attending the CSP10 in-person this week, look forward to sharing key insights from the Monrovia Workshop at a side event scheduled to take place in Room C on Friday. Additionally, a workshop summary report, summarizing key lessons learned and effective measures identified during the Monrovia Workshop will also be made available for all ATT stakeholders shortly.

Mr. President I am pleased to reaffirm Liberia’s commitment to ensure the effective implementation of the ATT and use this platform to call for increase international cooperation and assistance to promote the universalization of the ATT.

Finally, we are pleased to use this platform to acknowledge Mr. Dumisani Dladla for his role in promoting the ATT over the years and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

I thank you for your kind attention.