

**INTERVENTION**  
**ATT WORKING GROUP ON TREATY UNIVERSALIZATION**  
**WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AND SECOND CSP8 PREPARATORY MEETING**  
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Thank you, Mr. President/Co-Chairs,

As this is the first time my Delegation is taking the floor in this meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. President and the Secretariat for organising this important intersessional work. Malaysia commends all efforts undertaken by the German Presidency, all Chairs and facilitators in preparing for the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties. Malaysia welcomes the approach taken by the President in prioritising the universalisation efforts of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Mr. President/Co-Chairs,

2. Malaysia attaches great importance to the work of the Treaty and considers this Treaty as an important instrument to regulate the international trade of conventional weapons, with the aim to prevent and eradicate the illicit trade and diversion of conventional weapons. Malaysia believes the Treaty is capable to play a vital role in strengthening states' domestic legislations relating to the international transfer of conventional weapons. Effective implementation of this Treaty would contribute to international and regional peace, security and stability.

3. Malaysia wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the Philippines, our ASEAN member state, for successfully ratifying the Treaty in March this year. We look forward to learning from their experience and their implementation plans of the ATT.

4. On our part, Malaysia remains committed to ratify the Treaty and is actively working with all national stakeholders in intensifying our efforts towards this goal. Malaysia also remains steadfast in our endeavour to ensure that our domestic legislations and procedures are in place in order to be in full compliance with all obligations under the Treaty.

5. Even though Malaysia has yet to become a State Party to the ATT, Malaysia has always been consistent to subscribe to the Treaty provisions. Malaysia has domestic legislations in place that govern the importation, exportation, transit, trans-shipment and brokering of conventional weapons, such as the Strategic Trade Act, the Arms Act, and the Explosives Act. These legislations serve as the backbone of our arms control system in Malaysia.

6. In addition to that, Malaysia has continuously participated in several trainings and workshops organised by various organisations. Recently, Malaysia participated in the *EU ATT Outreach Project III – ASEAN Kick-off Seminar, sub-regional online workshop for Southeast Asia* on 20 April 2022. This programme provides an opportunity for participating states to exchange views and ideas on ATT, review outcomes of the second EU ATT outreach project, and discuss the current status of ATT implementation in the ASEAN region.

7. Malaysia wishes to express our appreciation to the EU and all CSOs for their support in promoting ATT, and for sharing information on ATT implementation. Malaysia looks forward to participating in future programmes on ATT. Thank you, President/Co-Chairs.