



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI TO THE
EIGHTH ARMS TRADE TREATY CONFERENCE OF STATES
PARTIES (CSP8)**

ITEM 6: TREATY UNIVERSALISATION

Thank you Mr President for giving us the floor.

Since its the first time that this delegation is taking the floor, allow us to congratulate you for being elected president of the CSP8. We would like to assure your presidency of our support in achieving your goal.

This delegation would like to also congratulate the Government of the Philippines for joining the ATT.

Mr President,

Malawi aligns itself with the statements of other speakers calling the international community to support the achievement of the ATT Treaty universalisation. In response to the call, Malawi is in

the final stage of the ratification process which will be completed soon.

Malawi has been actively engaged in the activities of the ATT and the ratification will cement this commitment. We are therefore calling the ATT Secretariat to continue diplomatic engagement with the international community to increase awareness.

Mr. President,

This delegation would like to express gratitude to the ATT secretariat and Control Arms, for the support rendered to Malawi which allowed us to participate and follow developments in the ATT, and support provided during the initial stages of the ratification process.

In this regard we would like to urge the Secretariat and the civil society to continue engaging countries that are yet to join so that we can fight this war of illicit trade in conventional arms.

Thank you Mr. President.