

AGENDA ITEM 6: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

Thank you for the floor Mr President,

We wish to thank Ambassador LIM of the Republic of Korea as Chair of the WORKING GROUP ON EFFECTIVE TREATY IMPLEMENTATION as well as the facilitators of the sub working groups for the excellent work done in the exchange of information and the identification of Treaty implementation priority areas for endorsement by CSP. Furthermore we wish to thank Argentina for the Draft paper outlining the elements of a process for assessing the risk of diversion, and are pleased to welcome the document.

On implementation in Namibia, as stated yesterday, Namibia became a State Party on 28 April 2020, as such we are still in infancy when it comes to the work of the ATT.

Namibia is aware that implementation is the heart of the ATT. It is in this regard that Namibia applied to the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (ATT VTF) to help build capacity for the implementation project of the ATT. The project will ensure effective implementation of the ATT in Namibia and the review of the legal framework for regulating arms transfer in Namibia. By engaging the experts of Control Arms and its partners to work alongside the Namibian Government and national stakeholders responsible for the implementation of the ATT, Namibia gains expertise and tools to establish and govern a competent National Authority that will implement the ATT.

Mr President,

The ATT VTF is a very important tool for the implementation the ATT. It lays the foundation for new State Parties to commence the actual work of implementing the letter and spirit of the Treaty as well as domesticating the provisions of the ATT into national laws. Namibia urges that the ATT VTF is sustained for years to come to ensure that new State Parties acquire the necessary expertise in implementing the ATT.

In conclusion, Mr President,

Allow me to inform that Namibia is committed to fulfilling its financial obligations to the ATT.

I thank you!