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Agenda 4: Update on efforts by States to promote the  
universalization of ATT

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the lead in this working group. We also welcome the ratifications from Colombia, Malawi, and Gambia.

On the issue of the ATT's universalization, the Philippines recognizes the importance of the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund. It allows States Parties to enhance their national capabilities, strengthen cooperation to ensure implementation and fulfilment of Treaty obligations. The Philippines has been an active participant in maximizing the objectives of the Trust Fund to advance the treaty's universalization goals.



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In line with this, the Philippines organized a Sub-Regional Meeting on Enhancing Cooperation on ATT Universalization and Humanitarian Disarmament last week in Manila. The meeting provided a conducive environment among the national authorities and implementing bodies of the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia to increase confidence, promote robust dialogue, enhance cooperation, and strengthen partnerships.

In accordance with the Philippines' obligations within the ASEAN framework, a session on the ASEAN Declaration on Combating Arms Smuggling was presented by a national expert from the Ministry of Interior of Cambodia and aimed to ensure that our commitments to regional and multilateral conventions are harmoniously aligned.

These activities and other efforts highlight the Philippines' steadfast commitment to promoting collaboration in the universalization of treaties, the responsible governance of arms, and uplifting and protecting the cause and importance of humanitarian disarmament conventions.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.