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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Our country's ratification process of the ATT involved a comprehensive legal and policy assessment to ensure alignment with Treaty obligations. Such process entailed the engagement with frontline agencies in a formal assessment of their respective legislation and mandates. This resulted in learning that the current domestic laws are well-positioned to facilitate the effective implementation of the ATT in the Philippines.

The ratification process in the Philippines requires the transmittal of the Instrument of Ratification, signed by the President, to the Senate for concurrence. In the ratification process for the ATT, our government established a dedicated Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Treaty composed of representatives from relevant national agencies.



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We pursued an extensive consultation process among national agencies, civil society and industry stakeholders, ensuring a well-informed decision-making process. The Philippines also ensured that the implementation of the Treaty was streamlined and overseen by the appropriate line agencies.

The Philippines also actively supports regional cooperation efforts within ASEAN to harmonize ATT implementation practices and enhance regulatory measures for arms transfers.

We are also open to providing interested States with our experiences on technical assistance on legal and policy development related to ATT ratification and implementation. We look forward to continued collaboration with States Parties and stakeholders in advancing responsible arms trade governance.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.