



IRELAND

Intervention on Treaty Implementation

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President,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement to be delivered by the European Union, and I would like to make the following remarks in a national capacity.

At the outset I would like to thank Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior of Switzerland, as Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI), and register our appreciation for the work of the facilitators of the sub-working groups on Article 5, Articles 6 and 7, and Article 11. We are deeply appreciative of the extensive efforts that went into preparations for meetings of the Working Group.

President,

Ireland supports the conclusions and recommendations as contained in the WGETI Chair's Draft Report to the CSP5. Implementation of the ATT is a national responsibility in the framework of national control systems. While there is no one-size-fits-all approach - as States start from different points of departure, with different legal and administrative arrangements - all States can benefit from a regular exchange of information and good practices, to ensure effective Treaty implementation. This approach can contribute to a harmonised understanding of the Treaty provisions. In this context, we welcome the comprehensive guidance documents provided by the ATT WGETI.

Ireland also recognises the valuable contributions to Treaty implementation made by civil society and will continue to support efforts whereby States and civil society can work together to promote effective treaty implementation. For example, ahead of this CSP meeting, Ireland and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held a workshop that explored how the implementation of Article 7(4) can be further strengthened. This workshop drew on the experience of experts working on GBV in disarmament and human rights frameworks and was designed to offer a space for States to share experience on the

implementation and interpretation of Article 7.4. We will be happy to share the findings of this workshop, which are publicly available, with any interested State.

President,

We wish to commend the commitment of the Chair and facilitators in ensuring that the content and presentation of the Group's work engaged all ATT States Parties and remained focused on concrete outputs. In particular, we are pleased that the Chair's Draft Report confirms the need to continue work on the implementation of Articles 6 and 7. We support the conclusions that a multi-year work plan pertaining to the activities of the Sub-working Group on Articles 6 and 7 would aid our collective understanding of these provisions.

President,

The effective implementation of the ATT is a key step in preventing illicit and irresponsible transfers of arms and promoting accountability and transparency in the international arms trade. The implementation and universal application of the ATT will reduce global violence both in conflict and non-conflict settings and can bring us closer to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Ireland has consistently emphasised the important interrelationship between the ATT and the Sustainable Development Goals. The universalisation, and full and effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty can contribute to better achieving all relevant SDGs, especially, but not limited to Goal 16 and Goal 5.

Thank You.

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