

## **CSP5: Universalisation: UK Statement**

Mr. President,

The UK aligns with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. I will add a few comments in a national capacity.

To begin, I would like to commend the excellent work that has been undertaken in the Working Group on Universalisation.

Firstly, I would like to add my voice to others in welcoming the new States Parties and congratulating those who have ratified. We also welcome the continued participation of States as observers at the Conference of States Parties.

While we warmly welcome the fact that the Treaty has now grown to 104 States Parties, we continue to believe that more can be done, particularly on **the participation of the major arms exporters and importers**. This will do most to enhance the Treaty's impact. Some of these states may not be ready, and sadly some not willing, to join the ATT, but we should maximise our efforts to engage them.

To do this, we must continue to **be vocal about the ATT**. As part of promoting universalisation, we should raise the ATT and its benefits at key opportunities. This should explain the benefits of participation, analyse the obstacles to ratification, and address criticisms levelled at the Treaty. In addition, we must ensure we are **clear about the actual scope and purpose of the Treaty** and aim to address any

misperceptions that may inhibit some States, including major arms exporters and importers, from engaging.

Finally, I will mention the development of the **Universalisation Toolkit and Welcome Pack**, as tools for enhancing the understanding of the Treaty among prospective and new States Parties. We thank all who have contributed to these detailed documents, which should be easily accessible for those who may wish to use them. **These will be of most benefit if they are used as voluntary, non-binding and non-exhaustive best practice documents**, which States may use at their own discretion.

Thank you, Mr. President.