



Republic of Mozambique

Statement by the Delegation of Mozambique at the CSP 5 Arms Trade Treaty

Item 5

Geneva, 26th August 2019

Mr President;

1. At the outset, we would like to congratulate you, Mr. President, up-on your election to preside over the CSP5, which is a great opportunity for the International Community, to further address the magnitude and complexity of trade of conventional weapons as well as the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.
2. We commend the President and members of the Bureau, as well as the Secretariat for their relentless efforts in preparation of the CSP5.
3. As such, allow us to stress that Mozambique fully associates itself with the statement delivered by Namibia on behalf of the African Group.
4. We join previous speakers in congratulating the States that jointed the ATT, since the CSP4.

Mr. President;

5. Emerging from years of conflict and unrest, Mozambique faces the challenge of addressing threats to civilians posed by the uncontrolled proliferation of firearms and constraints in the management of Government stockpiles of weapons.
6. Allow us therefore to highlight some efforts made by Mozambican Government to ensure national ownership in the response to the challenges posed by small arms and light weapons as well as conventional weapons, at large.
7. On the 27 June 2018, the Republic of Mozambique became the 100 (hundredth) State Party to ratify the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, because this Treaty is perceived by the Government and People of Mozambique as an accurate instrument, since it reflects the deepest aspiration of the human kind, bearing in mind that an irresponsible and unregulated arms trade regime bears terrible consequences for the civilian population throughout the world.
8. In Mozambique, the implementation of the UN Arms Trade Treaty is coordinated by the Inter-Ministerial Commission to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons known as COPRECAL.

9. As part of our strategy to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing, trade, trafficking and use of small arms and light weapons, as well as conventional weapons the Government of Mozambique also holds public awareness campaigns, seminars and workshops where all the relevant legislation and measures are explained and discussed with the people.

Mr President;

10. Mozambique believes that the activities undertaken at regional and sub-regional levels are crucial to strengthen efforts made at country level. In this context, we are one of the fifteen Member Countries of the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARPCCO), to which we have been actively involved since its inception in 1995.

11. In fact, Mozambique has been engaged in all kinds of initiatives to curb the illicit trafficking of SALW and promote a culture of peace in the region by participating in SARPCCO joint operations, regional meetings and training under the supervision of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and SARPCCO, such as the Training Course on the Identification and Safe Handling of Firearms and Explosives.

12. In the framework of the implementation of the ATT, with the support of SADC, from 07 to 08 August 2019, Mozambique hosted a regional meeting to review and amend the SADC Protocol on the Control of Firearms, Ammunitions and Other Related Materials in order to broaden the scope of application of the Protocol to include conventional weapons, align it with the International Conventions and incorporate contemporary best practices and standards for prevention and combating illicit proliferation, circulation and trafficking of firearms, ammunitions and other related materials.

Mr. President;

Ladies and gentlemen;

13. In our endeavours to address the challenges posed by conventional weapons, we continue to rely on the technical cooperation and assistance from regional, continental and international organizations.

14. In this vein, we would like to express our satisfaction for the approval, in June 2019, by the ATT Secretariat of the **‘Small Arms, Light Weapons and Explosives Management System Project (SICAME)’**.

15. SICAME is a Project aiming at developing and rolling out the online national registry, which will enable the Ministry of Interior of Mozambique to effectively manage the

ownership of State and civilian firearms, ammunitions and explosives.

16. ***Finally, Mr President***, we would like to reiterate our political commitment in the prevention and combat of illicit trade of small arms and conventional weapons, in line with relevant provisions of ATT.

Thank you very for your kind attention.