

## **Delegation of POLAND - ATT CSP5**

*Excellences, Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Mr. President,*

Let me start by expressing our gratitude to the Government of Latvia and Ambassador Janis Karklins for organizing the Fifth ATT Conference of States Parties and chairing the Treaty process over the last year. We also thank the ATT Secretariat and its Head, Mr. Dladla, for their continued support.

We strongly believe, Mr. President, to have fruitful deliberations under your skilful leadership. I can assure you of full cooperation of my delegation in the course of CSP5.

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union during this general debate. I would like to add the following considerations in a national capacity.

The ATT aims to establish the highest possible international standards to regulate legal trade in conventional weapons and to prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in conventional arms and prevent their diversion. We welcome seven new States that decided to be bound by these standards. At the moment, we have 104 State Parties, more than half of UN Member States. But for the ATT to be truly effective, it should be close to universal. Further universalization efforts should primarily focus on States that are signatories of the ATT to encourage them to accelerate their work related to the ratification of the Treaty. Priority should also be given to countries that are major manufacturers, exporters and importers of military goods.

Effective implementation of the Treaty is yet another challenge ahead of our community. We should use the ATT as a forum for addressing problematic arms

transfers, concrete cases of detected or suspected diversion, technological development of weaponry and difficulties in regular and timely reporting as well as in establishing and functioning of national arms export control systems.

All these aspects require proper funding. The fact that we need to devote significant amount of our discussion time to problems related to financial liquidity is worrisome and disappointing. We call on all States to pay their contributions in full and on time to secure effective functioning of the Treaty. In this vein, it might be worth considering to limit formal preparations to CSPs to one weekly meeting per year, starting from 2020. One such meeting seems to be sufficient to properly prepare CSPs.

*Mr. President,*

We welcome the Latvian Presidency's determination to discuss gender and gender-based violence as it is an important component of human rights and freedoms. In October 2018 Poland adopted the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security for the years 2018-2021 joining the group of nearly 80 countries that have action plans to implement provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and related resolutions. A printed version of this document is available outside the room. In the context of the ATT, gender based violence risk assessment criteria should be taken seriously during the licensing assessment procedure, as are other evaluation criteria in the field of human rights and humanitarian law.

Let me finish, Mr. President, by wishing you and all distinguished participants of this event constructive and forward – looking discussions. We do believe that the Fifth Conference of States Parties will bring tangible results and provide the solid ground for the next cycle, including CSP6.

*I thank you,*