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Working Group on Treaty Universalisation (WGTU)

WGTU, AGENDA ITEM 2 (10 May 2023, 15:00-18:00): ATT Secretariat update on the status of ratifications and accessions

Mr. Facilitator,

Switzerland commends the work of the Secretariat in gathering and presenting the data on the current state of the Treaty universalisation.

However, we would like to suggest that an addition be made to the next presentation on this matter:

Alongside the number of Signatory States and the proportion per region, we would like to see added to this presentation the data pertaining to the proportion of global arms trade market that is covered by the ATT.

Indeed, we would see value in answering the following question: to which degree, perhaps in percentage of the global sales, are the world's importers and exporters of arms part of the ATT?

Focusing the presentation only on the number of Signatory States may give a false sense of the actual effectiveness of the universalisation of the ATT. We thus believe that adding the aforementioned data into the presentation would give a better overview of both the work done by the ATT and the road ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator.