

Statement of Thailand
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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I wish to express my appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL, the President of the Eighth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, and the ATT Secretariat for hosting this Conference and providing invaluable support rendered to all States, as well as relevant stakeholders. Please rest assured of my delegation's full cooperation and support to you and your team in bringing about the success of this Conference.

Mr. President,

2. Thailand shares concerns with other States about illicit trade and trafficking of conventional arms, which can cause threats not only to States, but also to human security. Controlling post-shipment combined with a tracing system can reduce sources of diversion of authorized arms to illegal arms. In this regard, we are so grateful for your hard work on the paper, which contains proposals on post-shipment controls and post-delivery coordination. We believe that your working paper would help State Parties to enhance their measures to prevent and combat diversion, and it should be brought to implementation in compliance with the existing frameworks and international instruments such as the International Tracing Instrument (ITI).

3. In addition, I would like to extend our thanks to the three working groups for submitting draft reports, which can support the implementation of the ATT obligations, in particular the Annex A to the draft report of the Working Group on Treaty Universalization, which highlighted support for the ATT ratification and accession processes. As Thailand is a Signatory State, we support this draft paper as developing a long-term work plan and toolkit will reinforce Thailand and other countries to reach the goals of becoming a party to the Treaty and strengthening the universalization of the ATT.

4. In June this year, the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France (EF) in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand held the first National Assistance Workshop under the EU Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Project III in Bangkok, Thailand. The Workshop was an excellent example of the efforts for universalization, under an international cooperation and assistance framework as it could help relevant internal agencies to enhance their capabilities for ratification and implementation. I would like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to the EU, BAFA, EF, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), for their valuable support in organizing this project.

Mr. President,

5. Thailand reaffirms its commitment to the objectives and principles of the ATT. We have put a lot of effort into moving forward ratification of the Treaty. The Office of the National Security Council, as the responsible agency for the ratification of the ATT, has coordinated with the relevant agencies to deliberately consider all relevant regulations, laws, and measures to ensure that we can implement all provisions of the ATT. Moreover, we will solve any remaining issue to accelerate the ratification process, and we expect that Thailand will become a State Party in the near future.

Thank you.
