**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE CSPIO, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND,2024**

**CHAIRPERSON,**

May I first congratulate you on your election as the President of the CSP 10 and the manners you have organized this Conference of State Parties. Let me also Convey Zambia’s Sorrow and Sadness in the passing on of the two gallant persons – Mr Stefan Ott and Mr Rob Wensley who were Instrumental in the ATT work.

Zambia would also like to Congratulate Gambia and Malawi in ratifying the ATT and welcome them to the ATT family.

**MR CHAIRPERSON**

Over the past ten years, a lot of progress has been made in promoting the treaty globally. However, Zambia is concerned with wars and Instabilities in some parts of the world fueled by arms some from State Parties, into conflict Zone. This has resulted in the death of Innocent Civilians, including women and children and displacement of hundreds of thousands other country to the treaty purpose of contributing to International and regional peace, Security and stability, as well as reducing human suffering. Zambia, therefore, calls for responsible transfers of arms that will contribute towards achieving the treaty purpose and object.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Zambia is a strong advocate for the Universalization of the treaty. We are pleased to report that last year we successfully hosted a workshop for the Southern Africa Community which was Sponsored by the European Union ATT Partner to Partner project facilitated by BAFA where Countries shared their best practices in the Implementation of the ATT and Resolution 1540. Arising from that workshop, a follow up workshop was this year held in Malawi to follow up on progress made in the Implementation of Resolution 1540 for SADC Member States. We just hope that the outcome of these engagements will Culminate in more SADC States ratifying the treaty as in the case of our neighbour Malawi.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Zambia is aware that a lot of counties are grappling with challenges in reporting their transfers to the ATT Secretariat, we would therefore a reporting workshop in June this year In Namibia. We have taken the reporting responsibility seriously and would like to assure this Conference that we will do our best to be in compliance.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Zambia is happy with the theme for your Presidency “The role of Interagency Cooperation in the effective Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty Provisions.’’ Zambia has utilized the Inter-Agency Cooperation Succeessfully.Through Capacity building arenas facilitated by BAFA and the VTF, a lot of personnel from different key Institutions have been capacitated to understand their roles in the Implementation of the treaty. This knowledge base and transfer has resulted into a conducive and open exchange of information and clear understanding of each Institutions role in the treaty Implementation. Equally, Inter-Agency Cooperation has eliminated rivalry between different Ministries and Agencies.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Zambia would like to thank the ATT for the support VTF for the support it has rendered to us. Arising the support, you gave us to come up with a Bill to domesticate the treaty, we are pleased to report that the Zambian Cabinet met this year in January and Approved the ratification of the treaty. Progress is being made to fainalise this process in order to present it to Parliament for endorsement.

**CHAIRPERSON**

Zambia looks forward to a positive Inter-Change of ideas during the course of this conference and are hope full that a lot of progress aiming to better the treaty Implementation will be made.

I thank you.