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**NATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE AT THE ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (CSP11)**

25 - 29 AUGUST 2025

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Thank you Mr President,

The Republic of Namibia aligns itself with the statement delivered to be delivered by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the African Group and I deliver this statement in my national capacity.

On behalf of the Republic of Namibia, we appreciate the work of your Presidency during your tenure as the President of CSP11. We also extend our gratitude to Ms Solminaro, the ATT Secretariat and the Chairpersons of the various Working groups for their invaluable work in preparing for this session. We further thank the ATT for the international support provided towards the effective implementation of the Treaty at our National Level.

Mr President,

Namibia attaches great importance to promoting peace and security. Since ratifying the ATT, Namibia with the support of the ATT VTF, Namibia has undertaken several projects to domesticate and fully implement the ATT. It is in this spirit, that we welcome your chosen and befitting theme **“Universalization as a Priority”.**

It is sn this context, that Namibia welcomes the Republic of Colombia as the 116th State Party to the ATT.

Conflicts continue to cause immense human suffering worldwide. Namibia recalls the previous Presidency’s focus on Interagency Cooperation and recognises its complementarity with this year’s theme. Together, they remind us that only through collective action can we uphold the Treaty’s principles and reduce the human cost of armed violence.

Mr President,

At regional level, the alignment of the revised SADC Protocol on the Control of Firearms, Ammunition and other related materials with the ATT, has provided renewed motivation to our work. This development has strengthened coordinated efforts to combat the illegal transfer of arms in the region and supports the African Union Agenda 2063, particularly its aspiration of Silencing the Guns. We, therefore, call on other SADC countries to join the ATT so we may achieve full universalisation in the region.

At the international level, Namibia and Germany successfully co-facilitated the” Pact for the Future” reaffirming our commitment to multilateralism, peace and security.

Furthermore, Namibia has long championed the Women, Peace and Security agenda under UNSCR 1325 and women’s participation in peace and security. In this spirit, Namibia welcomes discussions in the ATT on the inclusion of women as Gender Focal Points.

Mr President, the theme of this conference reminds us that the ATT is not only about rules and regulations but about real-world impact – reducing violence, preventing human rights abuses and minimizing conflict. Namibia therefore urges all State Parties to implement the Treaty’s provisions impartially and without discrimination.

Mr President, Dear Delegates,

To conclude, Namibia reaffirms its support for the work of this conference and looks forward to constructive deliberations and tangible outcomes.

I thank you.