**NATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**11TH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY**

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 25-29 AUG 2025**

Mr President,

Distinguished Colleagues,

1. Singapore expresses our appreciation to Ambassador Carlos Foradori of Argentina, President of the 11th Conference of States Parties (CSP11), and Ms Carina Solmirano, Head of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Secretariat, for your earlier work in steering the preparatory process, and your current efforts in leading this meeting.

Mr President,

2. Singapore recognises the importance of regulating international trade in conventional arms, and supports global efforts to prevent and eradicate illicit trade and diversion. In addition to our yearly participation in the CSP since 2015, Singapore has contributed to other international initiatives to combat unlawful arms trade, such as the Programme of Action (PoA) and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

3. Singapore is also committed to promoting transparency in the conventional arms trade. We have regularly submitted returns to the UN Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) since 1993, and have been actively engaged in the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on the UNROCA in 2019 and 2022. Singapore will continue to work with the international community to curb the illicit trade in conventional arms.

4. As a global transit and transhipment hub, we are cognisant of the important role we play in international regulatory efforts. To regulate the transfer of strategic goods and curb illicit trade in conventional arms, Singapore has a robust export control regime underpinned by three main pieces of legislation, namely the Strategic Goods (Control) Act 2002, Regulation of Imports and Exports Act 1995, and the newly operationalised Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021 which was introduced to replace the Arms and Explosives Act 1913. Singapore also enforces all UN Security Council arms embargoes to prevent the illicit diversion and transfer of arms to unauthorised users. We regularly review and update our export control regime to ensure that Singapore remains fully compliant with our international obligations.

Mr President,

5. As the illicit trade of conventional arms is a transnational challenge that undermines international peace and security, States must collectively work towards the eradication of such trade. At the same time, we should continue to recognise legitimate trade in conventional arms. Every State has the right to acquire conventional arms to exercise its sovereign right to self-defence. We must therefore strike the fine balance between fulfilling the obligations pursuant to the ATT and enabling legitimate international trade in conventional arms.

6. Singapore reiterates our commitment to the objective and purpose of the ATT. We look forward to the exchanges over the next week as we continue to work together to tackle the illicit trade of conventional arms.

Thank you.