

**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**

**ARMS TRADE TREATY**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

As this is the first time we have taken the floor under your Presidency, allow me to extend our appreciation to you, Working Group Chairs, the facilitators, and the ATT Secretariat for their dedicated work throughout the preparations and for convening this Conference in pursuit of the Treaty’s mandate and objectives.

Since actively participating in the ATT negotiations and signing the Treaty in 2013, Türkiye has consistently engaged in its meetings and continues to uphold its guiding principles and goals. This reaffirms the significance we attribute to the Treaty.

As a staunch supporter of arms control and non-proliferation, Türkiye is a responsible member of all major export control regimes and rigorously implements its obligations within these regimes.

Türkiye submits regularreports on arms transfers to various international bodies, such as UNROCA, and maintains a robust national export control system reinforced by effective interagency coordination.

Türkiye complies with various UN Security Council resolutions that establish targeted sanctions measures, such as arms embargoes, to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale, or transfer of arms to sanctioned entities or individuals.

Türkiye remains steadfast in its commitment to counterterrorism and actively supports international cooperation to prevent weapons from reaching terrorist groups.

We attach particular importance to the serious threat posed by the diversion of conventional arms, especially small arms and light weapons, to unauthorized recipients, as this undermines peace, stability, and social welfare.

Our contribution extends to other international efforts to combat illicit arms trade, such as the UN Programme of Action on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons and the International Tracing Instrument.

Mr. President,

I should also refer to a particular issue that is of concern also regarding the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

The recent decision by the Israeli authorities to expand military operations in Gaza represents a deeply concerning escalation. We condemn this development, which signals a grave deterioration of the humanitarian situation on the ground.

These continued attacks demonstrate the urgent need for the imposition of arms transfer restrictions. In this regard, Türkiye spearheaded an initiative at the United Nations, with the support of 52 countries, to halt arms transfers to Israel.

It is high time to uphold the founding principles upon which ATT was established. Full and effective implementation of the Treaty requires renewed efforts by all States Parties, including particularly for this case regarding Articles 6 and 7.

We therefore urge all States to fulfill their obligations under the Treaty and International Law, including by suspending arms export licenses and ceasing arms transfers that may contribute to violations.

I thank you.