

**ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE**

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**General Debate Statement**

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Mr. President,

I am honoured to be here today in my capacity as Head of Secretariat of the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies (WA). I wish you and the States Parties success this week. Also, my sincere congratulations to Ms. Solmirano.

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of the WA's establishment. Over the last three decades, the WA has endeavoured to contribute to regional and international security and stability by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies, thus preventing destabilising accumulations. The ATT and the WA share a commonality of purpose in curbing illicit and irresponsible transfers of weapons of war, including SALW. The ATT's establishment over a decade ago reflects a wider international recognition of the need to regulate global trade in conventional arms. In today's security environment, strengthening multilateral cooperation and sustaining engagement are more important than ever to reinforce our respective work.

The WA's technical work, carried out by our Participating States' experts, constitutes the core of the Arrangement. The meticulously updated WA Control Lists are widely recognised as the global standard for conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies. The WA's standard-setting work, experience, and lessons learned can contribute to States Parties' implementation of the ATT. Our [*Munitions List*](https://www.wassenaar.org/app/uploads/2024/12/Stand-alone-Munitions-List-2024.pdf) and [*List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies*](https://www.wassenaar.org/app/uploads/2024/12/List-of-Dual-Use-Goods-and-Technologies-and-ML-2024.pdf) are increasingly seen by countries outside the WA as a sound basis for implementing national export control systems.

The WA encourages the implementation of effective export control systems worldwide. I am pleased to note the discussion during the February meeting of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) concerning the widespread use of the WA's stand-alone *Munitions List* by non-WA ATT States Parties to inform the establishment and maintenance of national control lists. UNIDIR's presentation on the "Scope of items and national control lists" also demonstrated use of multilateral lists to support States Parties' Treaty implementation at national level.

The WA Control Lists are a public good, readily available to all on our website, with annual updates normally posted in December. The accompanying [Summary of Changes](https://www.wassenaar.org/app/uploads/2024/12/Summary-of-Changes-to-the-2023-Lists.pdf) is a helpful tool to efficiently identify the specific changes to the Lists. WA Control Lists can also inform discussion in the ATT on the challenges of handling parts and components.

Mr. President, the theme of your presidency – universalization as a priority – lends a powerful impetus to broadening multilateral engagement. Harnessing synergies with relevant stakeholders and frameworks through cooperation and outreach enables the sharing of best practices, experiences, and innovative strategies. Among these are the WA's [compendium of 25 documents of best practices](https://www.wassenaar.org/best-practices/) based on its 42 Participating States' national policies and practices which are regularly updated and published by the WA, as well as information exchange within the Arrangement. These guidelines, which contain practical information developed after hard-won implementation experience, can support States Parties' implementation of the ATT.

I noted your Working Paper's call to enhance the ATT's visibility in international and regional fora to generate awareness of the importance of the Treaty's overarching objectives. WA outreach, including its recent biannual Enhanced Technical Briefing attended by over 30 outreach partner countries and WA Participating States, provides an opportunity to underline the role of the ATT within the international architecture. Our respective mandates, efforts, and added value in each of our fora and beyond are mutually reinforcing and strengthen our complementarity of purpose.

To this end, opportunities to share WA expertise with ATT States Parties continue to be welcomed. The WA Secretariat stands ready to facilitate any requests for information or assistance that States Parties may wish to refer to us through the ATT Secretariat.

Thank you.