**Ireland – Universalisation Statement**

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**Geneva**

Mr. President

Ireland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU, and would like to offer the following remarks in a national capacity.

First, my delegation thanks the co-chairs, Ambassador Foradori and Ambassador Rusu, for your efforts in the promotion of Treaty universalisation. We are pleased to welcome Colombia, The Gambia and Malawi to the ATT, bringing the tally to 116 States Parties – and we look forward to carrying forward this renewed momentum, following a few years of stagnating universalisation rates.

President,

International standards are strongest and most effective when they are universally applied. Ireland reiterates our call for non-State Parties, particularly the major arms exporters and importers, to join the ATT community without further delay. The ATT is a crucial part of a comprehensive international regime that, when fully universalised and implemented, will support peace, security, and sustainable development.

To this end, we welcome the President’s priority theme on universalisation, including the working paper and its recommendations. The paper outlines a number of valuable recommendations and reflections on activities that support Universalisation and the accession/ratification process. In particular, we support the recommendations towards strengthening partnerships with parliamentarians; promoting awareness raising campaigns; empowering youth and survivors; identifying ATT goodwill ambassadors or champions; and engaging diverse stakeholders through inclusive participation of civil society, academia, industry, media, and other actors in ATT universalisation and implementation efforts. We look forward to integrating these good ideas into our work and turning them into actionable initiatives in the coming CSP cycles.

Furthermore, we welcome the discussions held this year within the Working Group on Treaty Universalisation, which yielded fruitful exchanges facilitated through the updated work plan adopted at CSP10 and the accompanying guiding questions. We fully support the conclusions and recommendations in the WGTU report, and are particularly appreciative of States Parties that have assumed the role of regional universalisation champions, which can play a key role in supporting the Working Group co-chairs in their efforts.

President,

Ireland reiterates that universalisation must be accompanied by effective Treaty implementation and compliance with all its provisions if we are to achieve the main objectives of the ATT – to reduce human suffering through establishing the highest possible international standards for regulating the international arms trade, and prevent their diversion.

Thank you Mr President