

Thailand's Statement
The Sixth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
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It is very unfortunate that this year we cannot meet in person for the Sixth Conference of States Parties. However, during this critical time, discussion on how we can enhance the Treaty's implementation, address key challenges and discuss the way forward, remains relevant and imperative.

First of all, Thailand wishes to congratulate the recent ratifications and accessions by Afghanistan, the People's Republic of China, Maldives, Namibia, Niue and Sao Tome and Principe. The increasing number of States Parties to the Treaty is a testament to the ATT being a landmark legally-binding instrument aiming to regulate international trade and transfer of conventional arms.

The illicit trade, proliferation, and trafficking of conventional arms is a serious threat to the maintenance of peace and security. The threats from illicit transfer and use of arms are linked to transnational crimes, jeopardising the lives and security of people and communities.

As a Signatory State, Thailand is in full support of the Treaty and its underlying principles. We have been constructively engaging in the Treaty's works. Our efforts towards the ratification of the Treaty are still ongoing and the National Committee is currently working on the legal compliance of domestic legislation with the Treaty's provisions.

We also believe that international cooperation plays a crucial role in advancing the Treaty, as well as in enhancing States' capacities in implementing the Treaty's obligations. We stand ready to engage with all partners, within the Treaty framework and beyond, to ensure that the issues of illicit arms trade and diversion of arms are adequately addressed and effectively dealt with.

Thank you.