

Brazil - Implementation Statement

Madam President,

I would like to extend our commendation to the Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, Ambassador Ignacio Sánchez de Lerín of Spain, for his leadership during the intersessional period.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Argentina for its much-welcomed initiative to propose a discussion on the international arms trade dimension of gender-based violence.

The diligent efforts of the Working Group on Articles 6, 7, and 11, as well as on Article 9, the latter facilitated by Mr. Rob Wensley of South Africa, have paved the way for comprehensive work on prohibitions and transit. The resulting voluntary guidelines should serve the purpose of facilitating efficient implementation of the Treaty.

We deem it paramount that diversion remains at the forefront of our discussions within the Working Group. We cannot stress enough the importance of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum and the immense value it brings in sharing diversion-related information, especially when multiple jurisdictions from different regions are involved in the same cases. The heart of the Treaty lies in preventing such diversions, and this must remain a cornerstone in all our future deliberations.

Our discussions have rightly highlighted the efficiency of the current institutional framework and processes of the ATT. Yet, as we look towards the future, there is a call, a shared sentiment, for optimization - in meeting durations, methodologies, and discussion topics, while maintaining a flexible approach.

We have noted the importance of focusing on the practical implementation of the Treaty. The references to the DIEF and its approach centered on concrete information exchange serve as exemplary models for other deliberations. The discussions on national capacities to implement the Treaty should indeed consider the invaluable opportunities offered by ATT's internal support mechanisms, such as the Voluntary Trust Fund.

We commend the Chair's proposition to view Treaty implementation discussions as a "continuum" rather than distinct topics. This approach ensures that we holistically address the Treaty's practical phases. Our discussions must be dynamic, accommodating national experiences and international collaborations alike. We must be inclusive, considering regional contexts, aligning with existing international initiatives, and emphasizing risk mitigation strategies. In this spirit, we rally behind the Chair's draft proposal on configuration and substance, recognizing that this support is pivotal in ensuring a more tangible and pragmatic impact of the Working Group's endeavors.

Thank you.