

Brazil - Universalization Statement

Madam President,

From the outset, we would like to extend our commendation to the Co-Chairs of the WGTU, yourself and Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL of Germany. Your leadership and vision during the intersessional period have been instrumental in steering the ATT closer to universalization.

We welcome Gabon and Andorra to the ATT community, now strong of 113 States Parties.

The call for universal adherence to the Treaty is not just a procedural undertaking but a moral one, paving the way for a safer and more responsible international arms trade landscape.

Brazil supports your proposal of a multi-year approach to Treaty universalization. We have recognized that national processes to ratify or accede to the Treaty can span several years, with each state grappling with its unique circumstances. With that in mind, a long-term perspective becomes - more than sensible - necessary. The support for a multi-year format does not signify a slowdown, but rather a strategic, sustained, and thoughtful pace.

Madam President,

While our emphasis on Signatory States is important, we must not lose sight of the bigger picture. We are mindful of states that have not yet signed the Treaty but are of significant relevance given certain transnational illicit chains. I am confident in asserting that our focus on Signatory States will not restrict us from engaging with other states, spotlighting the myriad advantages of joining the ATT and forging a more universally accountable arms trade ecosystem.

The importance of individually tailored approaches cannot be understated. States that require assistance with their domestic processes frequently point out the need for a personalized approach.

A proactive approach towards possibly interested States would serve us all. This could ensure that every state is equipped to harness the full potential of the ATT's support mechanisms. By doing so, we aim to weave a fabric of shared understanding, commitment, and action.

The coordination efforts within the ATT bodies, the intensified outreach by CSP chairpersons, and the invaluable experience and contribution from international organizations, civil society, academia, the industry, and other stakeholders, emphasize the collective spirit of this undertaking.

As we gather at this Conference, I urge us all to renew our commitment to the cause of the ATT's universalization. For it is through unity and collective action that we can shape a world where the arms trade is not just a matter of business, but also a matter of responsibility.

Thank you.