

Brazil - Statement on Transparency and Reporting

Madam President,

I would like to express our appreciation for the work done by the Secretariat in its capacity as interim Chair of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting during the last intersessional period. Their stewardship has been exemplary, ensuring that our discussions are anchored in the foundational principles of the Treaty.

It is with utmost satisfaction that we indicate that Brazil has recently submitted its Initial Report and its Annual Report for 2022, following the completion of its procedures related to the Treaty's internal promulgation. Such endeavors reflect, once again, our commitment to uphold the ATT's principles and to foster a safer and more accountable international arms trade environment.

Madam President,

Transparency remains at the core of the Treaty. It is not a platitude. It is not bureaucracy. It is a promise, an obligation, and a testament to the commitment of States Parties to creating a more open and honest arms trade framework. Our experiences, both uplifting and daunting, form a reservoir of knowledge for the all of us.

During our preparatory meetings, the fruitful exchange on substantive issues related to reporting duties, including public availability of information, synergies with other similar obligations, and data aggregation, was enlightening.

I note with interest the Secretariat's proactive engagement in addressing the fulfillment of transparency obligations. Such initiatives to promote reporting and assist State Parties are commendable.

As we looked into the mandate of the Working Group between CSP9 and CSP10, we are optimistic about the proposed draft mandate, which promises a focused roadmap for the upcoming cycle.

Thank you.