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Item Implementing ATT TREATY

Madame President,

We thank you for the opportunity to speak on the item on the effective implementation of the arms trade treaty and our focus on will be on the situation in Africa, in particular the situation in the Sudan , the Sahel and Sahara and in Northern Africa . The topic of arms trade control is extremely vital for maintaining peace and security at the continental and global levels, especially in areas with ongoing security challenges.

The arms trade treaty is an important step towards regulating and monitoring arms circulation, which can significantly affect the stability of affected areas. The African continent is characterized by a multitude of security challenges, including armed conflicts, arms smuggling and illegal arms trade. These challenges make discussing the situation in Sudan and Sahel and Sahara in this context particularly important.

The Sudan and the Sahel is undergoing an important transition after years of conflict and unrest. The effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in the Sudan could contribute significantly to enhancing security and stability there. It should focus on strengthening local capabilities to control and monitor arms circulation and ensure that such weapons are not used to escalate conflicts or violate human rights.

United Nations Member States should therefore work to control arms shipments to troubled areas such as the Sudan and the Sahel and Sahara , where some States have exploited the support of the Non State Armed Groups and militia, posing a serious security threat and impeding the entire political transition process, turning themselves into a powerful paramilitary force. (RSF) The legitimate national army competed with political ambitions and economic influence as Some States secured the flow of arms and military supplies to Non State armed Groups and militia through the illegal Armed Groups in exchange for free access to gold sources in various parts of the country.

The presence of Non-state Armed Groups created political and economic fragility.

There must therefore be strong international cooperation to combat Africa's illegal arms trade. Regional and international organizations can play an important role in promoting cooperation and information sharing to prevent the circulation of illegal weapons and combat common criminal networks.

To conclude, the implementation of the arms trade treaty must be integrated and comprehensive, with a focus on balancing States' rights to enhance their national security with the urgent need to maintain regional and international peace and security. We hope that this implementation will be inspiring for positive change in the Sudan and Africa as a whole.