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NGO : Commission Indépendante Des Droits De l'homme CIDH AFRICA.

Honorable Delegates,

All Protocol Dully Observed.

Colleagues From Civil Society ,

Mr. . President,

On Behalf of the Independent Commission for Human rights In Northern Africa and the Global Coalition for Limitation of Armament, We deliver this Statement.

The impact of arms transfer on the enjoyment of human rights is a complex and controversial issue. There is no doubt that arms transfers can be used to violate human rights, such as when they are used to commit war crimes or crimes against humanity.

The following are some of the ways in which arms transfers can impact the enjoyment of human rights:

Arms transfers can be used to commit human rights abuses. This is most likely to happen when arms are transferred to repressive regimes or to groups that are known to violate human rights.

Arms transfers can destabilize countries and regions. This can lead to increased violence and conflict, which can in turn lead to human rights abuses.

The transfer of arms to non-state armed groups (NSAGs) in Africa has a number of negative impacts, including:

1-Fueling conflict: Arms transfers can fuel conflict by providing NSAGs with the means to wage war. This is particularly the case in countries where there is a history of instability or where there are competing political or economic interests. Here the example is well seen in the Sahara and Sahel Region where armed groups are destabilizing countries in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger and Also in Libya.

2-Increasing human rights abuses: Arms transfers can also lead to increased human rights abuses by NSAGs. This is because NSAGs often have no qualms about using force to achieve their goals, and they may be less likely to respect the rights of civilians when they are well-armed.

Destabilizing governments: Arms transfers can also destabilize governments by making it easier for NSAGs to overthrow them. This is a particular concern in countries where the government is weak or where there is a high level of corruption.

Mr. President,

The arms trade fuels conflict, kills civilians and displaces people, other than by supporting terrorist groups, making peace more difficult.

The humanitarian and development implications of the arms trade are undeniable. Today's recent violations and statistics highlight the urgent need for collective action to curb such trade, promote peace and allocate resources for sustainable development. Therefore, Ma 'ah recommends peace and the Global Arms Proliferation Alliance

1. Increased transparency in the arms trade, the arms trade is often shrouded in secrecy, making it difficult to track the flow of arms and hold arms dealers accountable. We need to increase transparency in the arms trade so that we can better understand its impact and take steps to mitigate it.

2. Accountability of arms dealers for their actions. Arms dealers who violate international law must be held accountable for their actions. This may include criminal prosecution, financial penalties or other measures

3. We urge that the preparatory meeting for the arms trade treaty be continued, as it is an opportunity for States to build consensus on the treaty's implementation and enforcement. ATT will be effective only if properly implemented and enforced, the preparatory meeting is an opportunity for states to discuss, enforce and agree on mechanisms to be used for the implementation of the treaty, and an opportunity for states to build support for

a treaty, it is important that states build support for the treaty in order to ensure its adoption and implementation. The preparatory meeting is an opportunity for States to engage with civil society and other stakeholders to build support for the treaty and to adopt new topics of discussion that will help States develop standards to prevent and divert illicit arms transfers

We need to take action to implement these recommendations and protect innocent lives. The arms trade is a complex issue, but there are steps we can take to mitigate its impact. By implementing the above-mentioned recommendations, we can help protect innocent lives and build a more peaceful world.

Thank you.