

Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
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General Statement – POLAND

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the President of the CSP7, Ambassador Lansana Gberie and Head of the Secretariat, Mr. Dumisani Dladla, for their determination and commitment to organize the Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), regardless of the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic.

Poland fully aligns itself with the statements delivered by the EU.

Transparency of international arms transfers and information exchange between States Parties are the main goals of the Arms Trade Treaty. These measures may strengthen international peace and security by preventing and eliminating illicit arms trafficking. Today we have the keys in our hands in order to realize these objectives. Therefore, we encourage all States Parties to fulfill their reporting obligations which are one of the key obligations arising from the ATT.

We welcome the new States Parties that have acceded to the ATT. This process proves that the idea of ATT universalization, in order to implement common values, could materialize despite many different views on the current challenges in the international relations. It is also a message to our partners, which should convince them to join as soon as possible our community, to ensure the highest standards in the international arms trade.

The ATT universalization efforts could be supported by a Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) as a valuable tool to assist States Parties and prospective members in implementing Treaty standards in their national arms export control regimes. The upcoming, despite objective difficulties, inauguration of the Diversification Information Exchange Forum gives us a chance to strengthen the idea of further building trust between States and preventing arms diversion.

In order for these goals to become achievable, all States Parties should jointly contribute to the ATT budget. We support the initiative of the Management Committee, which could help to overcome challenges related to the compliance with financial obligations by States Parties.

We hope that the Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty will bring us closer to the perspective of full implementation and universalization of the ATT provisions.