



**Statement on the revised ATT Programme of Work
ATT Preparatory Committee, Wednesday 21 May 2025**

During the Working Groups in February it was encouraging to hear from a number of States Parties on steps they have taken since joining the ATT to establish laws, regulations, policies and processes to implement and comply with the Treaty. However, as we have already highlighted, approximately half of States Parties have not yet established national control systems and this is an issue that must be addressed. In this connection, we believe the ATT process could better support and promote progress on national implementation. As we suggested during the 10th Conference of States Parties, the formal process suffers from a lack of an overall review to identify the gaps and achievements in the implementation of the Treaty and its associated processes. Such a review would also help to clarify the substantive and procedural needs for future progress.

Such a mechanism would also provide the space to determine how best the programme of work can upscale the real-world impact of the ATT in contributing to international and regional peace and security and the reduction of human suffering.

We appreciate that this year was challenging for you - Ambassador Foradori and the ATT Secretariat – concerning the need to identify dates for the Working Groups. This meant that the time available to prepare for the Working Groups was limited and we continue to feel strongly that the process would benefit from states and other stakeholders having more time to consider issues, proposals and documentations, and consult internally and with others, before coming together for the single key moment of in-person substantive engagement in the CSP cycle. In the future, we would hope that the dates for the Working Groups could be agreed at the Conference of States Parties.



We would also welcome a discussion on how the general debate is managed during the Conference of States Parties, including the possibility of introducing time limits on all general statements, which could help shift greater focus toward the reports of the Working Groups.

Another issue is whether this two day meeting should remain as an informal preparatory committee or would be better utilised as an extension of the Working Groups. In such a reorganisation, the Chairs and Facilitators could follow-up on discussions at the first round of Working Groups, put forward proposals, invite feedback and then refine proposals for adoption at the Conference of States Parties.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the members of the Management Committee to ensure that the ATT process addresses the key issues confronting its States Parties and the regime as a whole.