



EU Statement

Matters pertaining to Financial Contributions

Arms Trade Treaty

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Madam President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The candidate countries Türkiye, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina¹, the potential candidate country Georgia, as well as the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

The EU thanks the ATT Secretariat for the overview of the financial situation and the Republic of Korea Presidency for the updated information. In this regard, we welcome Ukraine's intention to resolve the issue of arrears in accordance with the relevant procedures.

As in previous years, the EU would like to express its deep concern over the increasingly unfavourable financial situation of the ATT. It is of crucial importance that the effective functioning of the Treaty and its institutions is preserved, and that the accumulation of arrears does not put ATT activities at risk. Once again, we urge all States to pay their contributions in full and on time. The Financial Rules of the Treaty must be respected by all States Parties, signatories, and observers. The EU, as a significant financial contributor to ATT activities, insists on ensuring the necessary arrangements for States in arrears to settle their financial obligations at the shortest possible notice. With this in mind, we strongly encourage States that are in arrears to consider agreeing on a payment plan with the Secretariat, in line with rule 8.1

¹ North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

(d) of the Treaty's Financial Rules. This will lead to increased financial, and subsequently institutional, stability of the Treaty.

Thank you, Madam President.