



EU Statement

Matters pertaining to the Secretariat

Arms Trade Treaty

Ninth Conference of States Parties

Geneva, 21-25 August 2023

Madam President,

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

The candidate countries 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 European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

The EU wants to thank the Management Committee for reviewing ATT Programme of Work (as tasked by the Eight Conference of States Parties), and you, Madam President, for directing the work of the Committee.

The EU fully supports the initiative to focus Conference of States Parties (CSP) preparatory works on practical Treaty implementation measures and exchanges on national implementation cases and experiences. The EU also pleads for the endorsement of recommendations on the objectives of three working groups, as well as the recommendations to conduct working group and preparatory meetings in separate blocks. The new model of meetings should be adopted on a trial basis for one year and the Management Committee should be tasked to assess its effectiveness ahead of CSP10.

Thank you, Madam President.

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