

## Statement of Germany – General Debate - CSP9

Madam President,

Germany fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU and we would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Allow me to begin by thanking the Republic of Korea for setting this year's focus on enhancing the role of industry in responsible international transfers of conventional arms. We believe that industry actors have an important role to play along the entirety of the transfer chain, e.g. by providing means to prevent diversion already during production. Germany welcomes the valuable contribution made by the Presidency, and took note of the joint working paper by Austria, Ireland and Mexico - both highlighting areas that may inform further discussion and analysis of industry's role in the ATT framework going forward.

I would also like to thank all ATT stakeholders for their dedication to restructuring the ATT's programme and working methods. 10 years after the adoption of the ATT, it is the right time to renew the ATT's programme of work and its working methods for the Treaty's second decade. During the CSP9 cycle, important starting points for the way ahead have been identified and vividly discussed.

Madam President, please allow me to highlight three points of particular importance to Germany:

First, we all congratulate Gabon and Andorra on becoming State Parties to the ATT; may their example inspire other countries to become State Parties as well. On a different note, we observe not only that the pace of States becoming Parties to the ATT has slowed down but also that a number of important arms exporting countries have not yet signed or become States Parties to the ATT yet. Therefore, stepping up universalization efforts and the work of the WGTU should remain a priority. We believe that the Co-chair's paper submitted to CSP9 for adoption will provide a solid framework for the work of the WGTU in the years to come. I would like to thank all stakeholders for their valuable input in the drafting process. While the end of CSP9 will also mark the end of Germany's time as Co-Chair of the WGTU, we remain firmly committed to supporting all universalization efforts.

Second, we are of the opinion that the review of the ATT's programme of work conducted by the management committee is an ongoing and challenging process. It should remain a priority of our

discussions, during this CSP and the upcoming CSP10 cycle. In other words, as a first step, we must discuss and define objectives and concrete work plans. Only thereafter can we align our working methods with those objectives. Germany stands ready to support this important process for the development of the Treaty.

Third, outstanding financial contributions threaten the proper functioning of the ATT mechanisms. As my Government is worried about the current financial situation of the Treaty, we call on all States in arrears to pay their contributions without delay. To that end, we encourage States that have not yet planned to do so to make use of the financial mechanism under Rule 8 of the Financial Rules.

Madam President, ATT's internal support mechanisms such as the Sponsorship Programme and the VTF depend on voluntary contributions. Germany is committed to supporting both programmes, as we believe them to be important drivers of universalization and successful treaty implementation.

We look forward to open and productive exchanges during this year's conference.

Thank you, Madam President.