

Statement of the Federal Republic of Germany
Treaty Implementation

Mr. President,

Let me start by congratulating the two Co-Chairs on their expert guidance of the working group on Effective Treaty Implementation. The Working Group should now become a permanent platform for member states to exchange views, practices and national approaches to Treaty implementation.

To this end, we should adopt the Terms of Reference put forward in the last meeting in May and discuss the priority issues outlined in the work plan. A forum dedicated to exchanging concrete best practices of national implementation among practitioners of export control may help overcome a number of challenges.

Of course, there is no one-size-fits-all for national export control systems. However, we see sharing information and good practices as well as providing assistance where needed as critical for successful Treaty implementation. In terms of information sharing, the EU Common Position of 2008 is a good example we invite other State Parties to closely examine. Its common rules and system of notifications for denied license requests are major references of our own export control system.

As regards assistance, Germany has been funding numerous national and international support measures. First and foremost, we have contributed half a million Euro for the first cycle of the Voluntary Trust Fund. We see the VTF as an indispensable tool for furthering both implementation and universalization of the ATT.

Moreover, Germany has co-funded EU ATT Outreach measures and, on a national basis, additional ATT Implementation Support Measures. Most of these have been implemented by BAFA, which has been providing expertise and advice to numerous partners around the globe. We will share our experience with these initiatives at a side event tomorrow.

Mr. President, rest assured that Germany is committed to continue its support for the effective implementation of the ATT, whether through the VTF or other initiatives at the EU and national level.

Thank you very much.