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Madam President,

At the outset, please allow me to thank you, Ambassador YOON, your team and the ATT Secretariat for your vigorous efforts throughout the preparatory process and in particular for organizing the 9th Conference of States Parties to the ATT. Our deep appreciation also goes to the hard work of the coordinators and facilitators of the different working groups, the management committee and the ATT Secretariate.

Israel has long recognized the importance of controlling the export of arms and preventing the illicit trade in arms. On a national level, Israel maintains robust legislation, regulations and policies aimed at effectively controlling the export of arms. On an international level, Israel actively and constructively participated throughout the negotiations of the Arms Trade Treaty and was pleased to become a Signatory State to this instrument.

Madam President,

Israel is of a view that the Arms Trade Treaty is an appropriate and relevant forum to address and discuss international norms and standards on arms trade. Such norms and standards should take into consideration national security concerns that are of vital importance.

Israel reaffirms its intention to continue to effectively apply its national export controls, which uphold these standards. In this regard, Israel also continues to submit its annual reports to the UN register of conventional arms.

The efficient implementation of these norms and standards could enhance the collective security of all states. We note with concern that in some parts of the Middle East, arms are deliberately transferred to Non-State Actors by terror sponsoring states. The consequences of such illicit trafficking of arms are, among others, intentional and indiscriminate terror attacks on civilian population.



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We believe that the prevention of diversion and proliferation of arms to unauthorized recipients, in particular to terrorists, is of paramount importance and must be accorded due attention within the scope of the ATT. Furthermore, we believe that the Arms Trade Treaty is an important milestone in the international community's commitment and effort to fight the unauthorized arms trade and eradicate illicit trafficking.

In this regard, we welcome the convening of several meetings of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum and look forward to have a constructive and professional discussion this week. In addition, we note with interest the thematic discussion on the Role of the Industry, as well as the chair's paper on the subject.

Madame president,

We would like to stress the need to maintain our discussions within the scope of the ATT. Israel believes that the ATT has contributed to the creation of a framework for promoting responsible international transfer of conventional arms. We call for care when discussing and introducing to this forum guidance and measures negotiated and created by other fora.

Thank you very much