



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE
NINTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES (CSP9)
TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT)
21 – 25 AUGUST 2023
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

Madame President,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to you, Madame President and your team for the outstanding job undertaken during this CSP cycle. We also appreciate the commitment of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Working Groups, the Management Committee and the Secretariat in supporting the implementation of the ATT.

Madame President,

2. The signing of the ATT by Malaysia in September 2013 manifests Malaysia's views towards the Treaty as an international legal instrument where its implementations could contribute towards the maintenance of international and regional peace, security and stability.

3. While acknowledging the right of States to use arms responsibly for security and self-defence, among others, Malaysia also holds the view that the ATT would serve as an impetus for the strengthening of national policies and regulations on international trade and preventing the diversion of conventional weapons.

4. In addition to participating in the CSP annually since 2015, Malaysia also participates in other processes such as the “Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects”, and contributes to other international efforts on transparency in armament such as the UN Register of Conventional Arms, among others.

5. As part of its obligations as a UN member, Malaysia complies with the UN Security Council resolutions that establish targeted sanctions measures such as arms embargoes to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of arms to sanctioned entities or individuals.

6. Moreover, Malaysia has enacted an appropriate and strict set of domestic regulations, some of which include the Strategic Trade Act, the Customs Act and the Arms Act that aim to prevent illicit arms trade and irresponsible arms transfer, among others. Efforts are ongoing with the aim to harmonise existing national mechanisms and legislation with the provisions of the ATT.

7. On this issue, we are grateful of the cooperation extended to us by ATT States Parties and international bodies. The workshops and other capacity building programmes allow us to discuss not just our perspective on issues linked to the regulation of international trade in conventional weapons, but also their best practices or lessons gained, as well as their experience in ratifying the Treaty. We see value in these interactions and look forward to continuing the engagements with others in this area.

Madame President,

8. In concluding, Malaysia wishes to reaffirm its continued commitment to the ATT's objectives and my delegation looks forward to a productive Conference.

Thank you.