



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
AT THE GENERAL DEBATE
OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES (CSP2)
TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY
GENEVA, 22 AUGUST 2016**

Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to express my delegation's appreciation to you, Ambassador Emmanuel E. Imohe, for your leadership and committed efforts in steering this Second Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty. My delegation also extends our appreciation to the Secretariat, Facilitators and Management Committee for their contributions, in our collective efforts to ensure success of this conference.

Mr. President,

2. Malaysia holds the view that the Treaty should be implemented in a consistent, objective and non-discriminatory manner. Every effort should aim at achieving this objective, while ensuring that all countries would be able to work together to close any gaps, remove any loopholes, and bring interpretations and implementation closer to the ultimate goal, that is the ATT that provides highest possible common international standards for regulating the international trade in conventional arms.

3. In this vein, Malaysia will continue to support international efforts aimed at preventing the misuse of arms. We are ready to work with members of the international community in developing solutions in dealing with the illicit trade of arms. Malaysia believes that the ATT will help strengthen existing national policies on conventional weapons, bearing in mind the legitimate right of states for self-defence.

Mr. President,

4. As with any international instrument that continues to be developed, Malaysia is undertaking the necessary steps including internal consultations and possible review of the domestic and administrative provisions as part of our consideration to become a state party. Even at this stage, Malaysia has already established adequate and stringent domestic laws to effectively control the circulation of conventional arms. Necessary

steps continue to be undertaken by the relevant national authorities to prevent arms from being diverted into the illicit market.

5. No doubt that the universalization of the ATT is of the significant element of our work, especially during this Conference. In that context, we look forward to more concerted efforts aimed at getting acceptance of ATT by countries in different regions in the world including our region, Southeast Asia. Malaysia believes that only global acceptance of this Treaty can effectively ensure that the Treaty's primary objective to stem illegal trafficking of small arms and light weapons are attainable.

Mr. President,

6. My delegation looks forward to engage constructively during our deliberations, with the hope that it will lead us to more balanced, globally accepted and ultimately an implementable Treaty.

I thank you, Mr. President.