

**STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES (CSP6) TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT), AUGUST 2020**

Nigeria aligns itself with the statement of the African Group submitted by the representative of the Republic of Namibia. In my national capacity, I would like to add some few points. Nigeria joins other States in congratulating the President of the Sixth Conference of States Parties and express delight on your effective role in providing leadership for the ATT inspite of the bottlenecks created by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nigeria also appreciates the robust support provided by the Secretariat in ensuring the implementation of programmes during the Argentine' Presidency.

Mr. President,

As the international instrument that regulates the global trade in conventional arms that also seeks to prevent and eradicate their illicit trade and diversion through the establishment of international standards governing arms transfers, the ATT is well positioned to contribute positively to global peace and security. To actualize this important objective, transparency and reporting of imports and exports of Conventional Arms are critical. Nigeria, therefore, welcomes the theme of the CPS6 titled 'Transparency and Information Exchange'.

Mr. President,

We also want to appreciate your commitment in promoting information exchange among States Parties. We believe that exchange of information among States Parties will assist in Risk Assessment of Export and will also encourage Peer Review with a

view to assisting States in the effective implementation of the Treaty.

Mr. President,

My delegation congratulates the new State Parties including Maldives, Namibia, China, Sao Tome & Principe, Afghanistan and Niue. The ratifications/accessions by these States are a reflection of the Universalization efforts of Mr. President and his team. We hope that other large producers and exporters of arms that are yet to join the ATT will do so without further delay.

In order to enhance our capacity in submitting accurate reports in a consistent manner, my country has submitted a proposal for Capacity Building on Treaty Implementation and Reporting for consideration of the VTF Selection Committee. We strongly believe that this will assist us to be timely and up to date in our reporting obligations.

Mr. President

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented State Parties from converging under one roof as usually practiced, we are glad that you and your team have performed tremendously well during the intercessory period leading to the CSP6.

Thank you.