



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Statement by the Netherlands

Third Conference of States Parties of the Arms Trade Treaty Universalization

Thank you Mr. Chair.

We align ourselves with the EU statement. In addition we would like to make some remarks in our national capacity.

We would like to start by thanking Ambassador Klaus Korhonen for his significant efforts, in particular his extensive travel, for universalizing this Treaty. We would also like to thank the co-chair, Nigeria, for adding their support to this important issue. We can support the recommendations by the chair to re-establish the WGTU as a working group as proposed under the Terms of Reference contained in Annex A and to endorse the Initial Work Plan as contained in Annex B.

As we mentioned in our statement under the general debate, the Netherlands views universalization as one of the priorities of the ATT for its success in the coming years. In particular, we hope that signatory states can expedite their national processes for ratification.

Increasing the number of States Parties requires significant efforts outside this room. In that regard, we would like to commend ambassador Korhonen for all his efforts which indeed sets a very high standard for the next presidencies. Universalisation, in particular in the different regions, should deserve our attention. In that light, we would like to flag the importance to do more work in particularly the Asia-Pacific region. Lastly, the Netherlands would like to indicate that we are ready to assist universalization efforts, if that is deemed useful.

Thank you Mr. Chair.