

GEORGIA
Arms Trade Treaty
Fifth Conference of States Parties
Treaty Implementation Segment

Mr. President,

Georgia would like to thank the Latvian Presidency under the strong leadership of Ambassador Karklins for an inclusive and effective preparatory process for the Fifth Conference of States Parties. We welcome your decision to focus on gender and gender-based violence during Latvia's Presidency of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). We stand ready to contribute to a successful outcome of the Conference.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Implementation is a national responsibility in the framework of national control systems that States Parties have to establish and maintain. Georgia considers that effective implementation, in parallel with full universalization, is of utmost importance to achieve the objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Our Export Control Policy is based on the principle of fulfillment of international obligations taken by Georgia in the scope of UN Resolutions and other appropriate Non-proliferation and Security Regimes, through which Georgia contributes to the international stability and security.

Dear Colleagues,

Georgia as a long-term partner of the EU Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Project (EU ATT OP II) plays significant role in regional outreach. Earlier this year, under the umbrella of the EU ATT Outreach Project we were pleased to host two Sub-regional workshops organized by BAFA. State officials from Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine participated in workshops. Workshops were supported by the experts from Hungary, Lithuania, the Czech Republic and Sweden, the CARICOM IMPACS as well as by the representatives from the ATT

Secretariat. The topics of the sub regional workshops included the universalization of the ATT, transit and transshipment as well as industry outreach.

The challenge facing universalization is a multi-faceted one with countries that are not parties having different positions and rationales. In this regard, sharing information in order to develop targeted and tailored outreach is certainly worthwhile.

Georgia will continue to contribute to these exchanges with information and assistance activities in support of the implementation and universalization of the ATT. The active and constructive participation of all stakeholders – States Parties, international, regional and non-governmental organizations as well as industry and civil society – will help achieve the objectives of the ATT.