

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE
2ND CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO
THE ARMS TRADE TREATY
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 22-26 AUG 2016

Mr Chairman,

1. On behalf of the Singapore delegation, I wish to thank our host, the Government of Switzerland, for its warm hospitality, and the Conference of States Parties President, Ambassador Emmanuel Imohe, for their outstanding efforts throughout the preparatory process for the 2nd Conference of States Parties (CSP2) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

Mr Chairman,

2. Singapore is a consistent supporter of global efforts to establish common international standards for the regulation of the international trade in conventional arms. As part of Singapore's efforts, we participated in the 2016 UN Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) Group of Governmental Experts as it worked to improve the UNROCA in order to enhance the relevance and universality of transparency in armaments.

3. Singapore's signing of the ATT on 5 December 2014 reaffirmed our commitment to international efforts to eliminate the threat to international and regional peace, security and stability posed by illicit arms trade.

4. Singapore is laying the path towards ratification by studying the ATT as well as how it is being implemented by other States Parties in order to fully implement the obligations domestically. Singapore welcomes the

progress that the ATT has made since its adoption to its entry into force, and the strong efforts towards achieving consensus on key issues at the 1st Conference of States Parties and the CSP2 Informal Preparatory Meetings. Singapore looks forward to States Parties' sharing of experiences, challenges and best practices in implementing the ATT as well as to contributing to a productive Conference of States Parties.

Mr Chairman,

5. Singapore supports the Conference in its efforts to achieve the goals of the ATT in a way that is based on consensus. We also support the Conference in its efforts to identify and decide on arrangements that are practical, effective and sustainable, and continue to facilitate legitimate trade, so that they lay firm foundations to ensure that the ATT maintains a strong footing going forward.

Thank you.

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