

STATEMENT OF SLOVENIA

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General Debate

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Madam President, Excellency's, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Madam President, allow me to congratulate you and your team for the work you have undertaken during the past months in the process leading up to this Conference. Let me use this opportunity also to thank the ATT Secretariat, for their excellent work. I reaffirm you all the strong support from my country, Slovenia.

Slovenia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the EU. In addition, I would like to contribute to this important discussion by pointing out few additional aspects in my national capacity.

Slovenia considers it important that this year is devoted to the Role of Industry as it can play an important role in the purpose of ATT and supporting its implementation. As well, we recognise the importance of the convergence between the industry and full respect of Human Rights Law.

Also, we would like to recognise the importance of timely settle of financial obligations of State Parties, which is of great importance and is prerequisite to the sustainability of the ATT.

In addition, It gives me great pleasure to announce, that Slovenia contributed again in 2023 a financial contribution of 20.000 euros to the Voluntary Trust Fund. We believe that such contributions strongly supports the further implementation and universalisation of the Treaty.

Finally, madam president, I would like to reiterate again my delegation full support to the work of the Conference and ATT.

Thank you, Madam President.