

*Madame President, since this is the first time that the Federal Government of Somalia is taking the floor, I would like to Congratulate you in your role as president of the ATT and for the opportunity to attend the ATT Conference of States Parties. I would also like to thank The HALO Trust for its support to the Federal Government of Somalia in attending the ATT in Geneva this week.*

*The Federal Government of Somalia is committed to national ownership and transparent management of weapons to prevent diversion in line with the principles of the Arms Trade Treaty, in particular Article 11 of the Treaty. We would like to highlight the importance of not only the management of weapons but also the importance of preventing unplanned explosions at munitions sites. This is of great importance to support stability, peace and security in Somalia.*

*We look forward to enhancing capacity and sharing lessons learnt on technology to create and maintain a higher level of weapons and ammunition management in Somalia and look forward to sharing our lessons learnt so far.*

*Somalia recognizes the security, social, economic and humanitarian consequences of the illicit and unregulated trade in conventional arms, bearing in mind that civilians, particularly women and children, account for the vast majority of those adversely affected by armed conflict and armed violence,*

*Somalia will continue to work with nongovernmental organizations and industry in raising awareness of the object and purpose of this Treaty and in supporting its implementation.*

*Somalia is also aware of regional organisations' role in assisting States Parties, upon request, in implementing this Treaty. We recognise that acceding to the Arms Trade Treaty may give some reassurance to the international community about Somalia's dedication to national and regional peace and security.*

*Madame President, Somalia understands the humanitarian need to regulate the international trade in conventional arms and prevent their diversion. Somalia continues to seek international assistance in engaging further with the Arms Trade treaty and will be interested in learning about the experiences from other recently joined countries that may share similar experiences as the Federal Government of Somalia.*

*Madame President and esteemed colleagues, Somalia looks forward to further consultations. Thank you for your time.*