State of Palestine
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Agenda Item 7: Treaty Implementation

Madam President,

The State of Palestine acknowledges the remarkable progress accomplished by the Chair and the facilitators of the sub-Working Groups on Effective Implementation. Your dedication and ongoing efforts are commendable.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Arms Trade Treaty, a significant milestone in our collective efforts to address the challenges posed by the international arms trade. As we commemorate this occasion, The State of Palestine expresses its optimism that the Treaty will continue to evolve and expand, fostering greater cooperation among nations and advancing global peace and security. We look forward to a future where the ATT's impact becomes even more profound.

Madam President,

While the Treaty's text provides clear rules, translating them into action remains a challenge. The State of Palestine underscores that compliance with the ATT is an obligation, additionally, we reiterate that national interpretations must align with ATT commitments and established international legal standards.

Furthermore, the State of Palestine advocates for stronger controls over arms transshipment. Such controls are important to prevent the diversion of weapons to illicit users, especially in areas of armed conflict. Upholding human rights and international law must be integral to these measures. In a world where weapons fuel some of the most brutal conflicts, the need for responsible arms transfers becomes a humanitarian necessity. Imposing limitations on such transfers remains a vital element of our humanitarian responsibilities.

Lastly, The State of Palestine reaffirms its deep appreciation and unwavering support for the contributions of various stakeholders, including civil society, academia, and international organizations. Their dedication to the ATT process is invaluable, and their role in raising awareness about the Treaty's goals and supporting its implementation should not be underestimated.

Thank you,