

Statement regarding President Trump's announcement that the US will withdraw from the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

In my capacity of the President of the Fifth Conference of States Parties I regret the United States Administration's announcement that it intends to withdraw the United States' signature to the Arms Trade Treaty. Certainly, this is an unfortunate development.

The Treaty seeks to establish the highest possible common international standards to regulate the international trade in conventional arms and to prevent their diversion. These objectives serve the interests of all States and efforts to achieve them will continue. States outside the Treaty do not have the ability to influence the implementation of its provisions and strengthen its essential characteristics.

Participation in a Treaty process is the sovereign decision of each State, and I hope that the US Administration will reconsider its decision in the future.
