

**Statement of Thailand by Mr. Ruchakorn Napapornpipat
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(ATT)
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*Madam President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,*

1. I wish to thank you Madam President and the ATT Secretariat for facilitating the Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). I am confident that the Conference will be successful under your presidency.

2. Since its entering into force, the ATT has been a stepping stone in strengthening global efforts to combat the illicit use and transfer of arms. Besides, the ATT is also one of the major international instruments embracing our common efforts to fight against challenges from illegal and unauthorized arms transfer.

3. Thailand reaffirms its commitments to the principles of the ATT. We recognize that the illicit trade of conventional arms and arms diversion could lead to human insecurity, prolonged terrorism and transnational crime, which are the on-going threats to the international community.

4. Thailand also supports the working paper on the role of Industry in Responsible International Transfer of Conventional Arms. It presents an essential opportunity to enhance cooperation between the ATT States Parties, Signatory States, civil societies, and industries to prevent the diversion of conventional arms.

Madam President,

5. Since, Thailand signed the Treaty in 2014, we have continued our efforts towards the ratification.

6. First, several inter-agency consultations have been convened under the sub-Committee on ratifying the ATT to overcome different points of views and concerns over the fulfilment of the obligations. We have also come up with concrete steps towards ratification, including exploring on how to strengthening domestic laws and regulations in conformity with the Treaty's provisions.

7. Second, Thailand has actively participated in the Meetings of State Parties to the Treaty since its inception in 2014. We also have joined several capacity building events throughout the years, which helped us gaining capacity on ATT implementation's perspectives. Recent activities are a study visit in London hosted by BAFA on April 2023 to learn the best practices from United Kingdom of export control on conventional arms under the international obligations and the ATT. Additionally, we attended the Regional Workshop hosted by Republic of Korea on Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in ASEAN region on the theme of Promoting the ATT in ASEAN on May 2023 in Jakarta to raise awareness on the ATT and encourage states to engage in ATT processes.

8. Third, may I take this opportunity to express Thailand's gratitude to the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France (EF) for their international assistance and cooperation to Thailand under the EU-ATT Outreach Project. We also have continued feasible projects with BAFA on upcoming months, which could assist Thailand on the process of ATT ratification..

Madam President,

9. Last but not least, I am confident that our strong deliberations in support of the Treaty will successfully achieve its purpose through the spirit of cooperation. I wish all of you very productive discussions and the conference every success.

10. Thank you.

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