

Statement by the Chinese Delegation on the Topic of Treaty Universality during the 10th Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty

Mr. President,

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty. We are pleased to see that more and more countries share the object and purposes of the Treaty, with the number of ATT State Parties reaching 115. China welcomes again the two new State Parties, namely Gambia and Malawi. However, China also notices that there are still 27 signatory States that have not ratified the Treaty, and more than 50 countries that have not joined the Treaty yet, including some major arms trading countries.

Some country has not only failed to ratify the treaty, but have even announced to withdraw its signature. China calls on the relevant country to correct its wrong practices, ratify the treaty as soon as possible and do more to strengthen the international arms control mechanism and safeguard international and regional peace and stability. We also call on other countries to actively consider joining or ratifying the Treaty, so as to strengthen solidarity and cooperation, and work together to build a reasonable arms trade order and promote global security governance.

China notes the relevant proposal of the Working Group on the Treaty Universality, supports its multi-year work plan, and recognizes that the work on strengthening universality should focus on the signatory states. China hopes that more signatory States could ratify the treaty as soon as possible. At the same time, China notes that the participation of Asian

countries in the Treaty needs to be improved, and calls on the Secretariat and the Working Group to pay more attention and offer more support to the Asian region.

China is ready to work with all State parties to continue supporting the work of the Secretariat and the Working Group through actively sharing experience on accession and implementation practices, and help interested countries accede to the Treaty as soon as possible, so as to contribute to strengthening the universality and effectiveness of the Treaty.

I thank you, Mr. President.