

Your excellency Ambassador Răzvan Rusu, President of the tenth Conference of State Parties,

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is the first legally-binding arms control instrument that seeks to regulate the international trade in conventional arms, prevent and eradicate their illicit trade s and prevent diversion. The object and the purpose of the ATT completely align with the vision of the Small Arms Survey of a world without illicit arms and armed violence,

During the first ten years of life of the Treaty, 115 states decided that it was important to make the journey to become a State Party. This is an impressive result, and we would like to welcome two new States Parties, Gambia, and Malawi. However, challenges in universalisation remain, with some main exporters and importers remaining outside the Treaty, and with some regions experiencing a low rate of universalisation. Among these regions, the Indo-Pacific has one of the lowest rates of universalisation.

The Small Arms Survey's work in the Indo-Pacific region highlighted that universalization is not simply about adding to the number of States Parties in the region; it is also about learning from the experiences that States have in implementing the Treaty. For this reason, the perspectives that new States Parties bring into discussions here in Geneva are vital in advancing the effective implementation of the Treaty, including by exporting states.

With the generous support of Global Affairs Canada. The Survey produced the report '*Realities, Challenges, and Opportunities: The Arms Trade Treaty in the Indo-Pacific Region*'. The report will be launched at CSP10 and provides in-depth analysis of the differing attitudes to the ATT and of obstacles that hinder universalization and compliance in the Indo-Pacific region. It also outlines opportunities and entry points for stakeholders to change the dynamic of engagement with the ATT in this critical region. We see the report as a support of the current work of the Working Group on Treaty Universalization (WGTU) and other ATT stakeholders.

The launch of the report is Tuesday, during a side event that will include different speakers from the region. We welcome all stakeholders interested in ATT universalisation and compliance to join us in our event and discussion on how to work together to improve future universalisation and compliance of the Treaty.

I also would like to underline that, among the Treaty's achievements, the ATT was the first legally binding instrument to recognize the link between arms and gender-based violence. It has served as a forum for many fruitful discussions on this topic. Unsurprisingly, a lot remains to be done. Our research highlights that gender-based violence (GBV) facilitated by small arms and light weapons remains a persistent issue. We hope that in the coming years, the ATT and its states parties can support more concrete action in this area. The Survey also stands ready to support states parties in taking forward work on gender and gender-based violence as outlined in the gender joint statement read by Mexico.

Considering the declining submission rate of annual reports over the years, and the rise in confidential reporting, the Small Arms Survey also wishes to emphasize that transparency is essential to achieving the core objectives of the ATT. These concerning trends warrant further attention during the discussions at CSP10.

Finally, the Survey would like to thank the States that decided to partner with us over the last several years to support their efforts meeting the Treaty's requirements. Working with them has

provided us with first-hand experience of their needs in keeping their compliance efforts on track. We are proud of what we could achieve and we would certainly welcome further opportunities to continue this kind of collaboration

We extend to all gathered for CSP10 our best wishes for productive deliberations this week towards strengthening the effective implementation in practice as well as words of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Thank you for your attention  
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