

## Statement of Germany – General Debate – CSP10

Mr. President,

Germany fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and we wish to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. President,

as 2024 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the ATT's entry into force in 2014, this Conference presents a valuable opportunity for taking stock of the ATT's current state. In this regard, we are glad to support the Political Declaration brought forward by the United Kingdom, which we hope will be supported by all States Parties. It is not only a strong recommitment to the values and objectives of the ATT but provides at the same time a solid basis for our discussions on the progress achieved so far, as well as for searching ways how to further promote treaty implementation and universalisation. With regard to the latter, we are much delighted to welcome Gambia and Malawi as new State Parties to the Treaty showing that the ATT has lost nothing of its importance and attraction after 10 years in force.

As mentioned before, Germany welcomes the Draft Presidential Working Paper presented to CSP10. As we move the ATT from more theoretical to hands-on practical issues, we expressly support the inclusion of inter-agency cooperation in the set of practical implementation questions for the stages of implementations to be covered by WGETI.

Allow me to thank you, Mr. President, for your able leadership over the past months leading up to this conference. In particular, Germany commends your handling of the issues pertaining to the Management Committee, and the selection process for a new Head of the ATT Secretariat. We are convinced that building on this basis, we will manage to arrive at a universally agreeable outcomes with regard to the ATT Programme of Work, and the new Secretariat leadership alike.

On this note, we also wish to extend our sincere gratitude in the warmest possible terms to the longstanding Head of the ATT Secretariat, Mr. Dumisani Dladla, for many years of dedicated service to our common cause. During his term, Mr. Dladla played an important role in building up the ATT institutions, including the Secretariat, and in laying the

groundwork for the ATT's success in the following years. As his tenure now comes to a close in November of this year, we thank him for the excellent collaboration and wish him all the best and continuing success for his future.

Mr. President,

let me conclude by pointing to outstanding financial contributions threatening the proper functioning of the ATT mechanisms. As my government is worried about the current financial situation of the Treaty, we call on all States in arrears to pay their contributions without delay. To that effect, we encourage States - that have not yet planned to do so - to make use of the financial mechanism under Rule 8 of the Financial Rules. ATT's internal support mechanisms continue to rely on voluntary contributions. As in past years, Germany has committed to financially support the VTF, as we believe it to be an important driver of universalisation and implementation successes.

We look forward to an open and productive exchange during this year's conference, as we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary and sketch out the way forward for the ATT as an effective instrument of arms control.

Thank you, Mr. President.