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OF THE DECLARATION OF THE HIGH LEVEL ENTITY AT THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE STATES PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES OF THE ARMS TRADE  
TREATY

Excellencies, Ministers  
Distinguished Members of the Diplomatic Corps  
Dear Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

To begin with my comments at this important conference, please allow me, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Delegation accompanying me, to take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency Ambassador Klaus Korhonen as Chairman of this Third Conference of States Parties and Signatories of the Arms Trade Treaty, by wishing him successes in steering the event.

I would like also to welcome the representatives of the State Parties and Signatories of the Treaty present at this august event.

Our country, the Republic of Angola, has been monitoring the negotiations since the beginning which led to the adoption of the Treaty by the United Nations General Assembly on April 2, 2013, having become a Signatory State on September 24, 2013, our Parliament has already approved the accession of Angola to the Treaty, and we are now awaiting to, under the Constitution, the promulgation by the President of the Republic.

The Republic of Angola is a rule of law state which today is enjoying political stability, as a result of the achieved lasting peace. Our country has experienced decades of a long armed conflict which has killed thousands of human lives and completely destroyed its infrastructures.

Being aware of the negative effects of armed conflicts as a result of the uncontrolled and unregulated proliferation of all types of weapons, Angola recognizes the importance of the Arms Trade Treaty as an important tool aiming at regulating the international, trade on conventional arms, for the benefits of peace security and region and international stability.

The Republic of Angola, my country is located in the Central Sub-region of Africa, a region frequently plagued by armed conflict as a result of illicit arms trafficking, so we encourage the states of our region to join this important international tool.

The Republic of Angola is currently suffering from the consequences of the international economic and financial crisis; Even under these conditions, has fulfilling the established goals by the United Nations aiming at attaining in the millennium development, and this is due to the prevailing peace and security that our country is now enjoying since 2002.

The Republic of Angola has been supporting a number of initiatives in the scope of global disarmament and is a State Party to other relevant international legal tools. That is why our country has already established the National Arms Control and Disarmament Authority, whose mission is to monitor and control the implementation of the international treaties and conventions on arms, which is the body in charge of the control of all types of weapons.

As for the Arms Trade Treaty, we greatly believe that much has been done by the States Parties, with emphasis on the implementation of national actions, transparency and reporting, as well as the universalization of the treaty, so we hope that this 3rd Conference will produce valued recommendations.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the need for a greater exchange of information and technical assistance to the States of Central African Sub region that are experiencing enormous difficulties, which limits in various occasions an effective implementation of the treaty.

I would like to conclude by wishing success at this conference and the proposed objectives to be broadly advanced.

I thank you !