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**“Impact of arms transfers on the Israel – Palestine conflict”, proposed by the State of
Palestine and NGO Control Arms**

Madam Facilitator,

As a party actively engaged in the formulation of the ATT, Brazil recognizes this Treaty as a pioneering, legally binding multilateral agreement regulating the trade in conventional weapons. The ATT represents a landmark in aligning international human rights law and international humanitarian law with arms trade regulation.

Our Treaty strikes the difficult balance between upholding the highest standards for transfer of conventional weapons while allowing for legitimate trade and international cooperation. Brazil reaffirms its firm commitment to the implementation of all obligations under the ATT.

In a challenging context, such as the conflict in the Middle East, we must all bear in mind that "respecting and ensuring respect for international humanitarian law" is one of the guiding principles of the ATT. As its corollary, Article 7 requires exporting State Parties to objectively and without discrimination assess the potential use of conventional arms in serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law.

These provisions are fundamental to the integrity of the ATT, aiming to contribute to international and regional peace, security, stability, and reducing human suffering. It is paramount that States act responsibly at national, regional, and global levels to ensure the safety and security of arms trade. We must uphold these principles to fulfill the Treaty's objectives and purposes.

Thank you.