



## **GEORGIA**

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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Colleagues,

At the outset, I avail myself of this opportunity to express gratitude to Ambassador Nobushige Takamizawa, the President of Conference and the Japanese team for the tireless efforts to move further towards complete universalization and effective implementation of the Treaty, which, as we all understand is the complex process, requiring best of our abilities. With this in mind, I thank our hosts and the Secretariat for organizing this important event on the highest of standards.

My delegation fully shares the common approaches of the international community towards the problem of excessive accumulation and uncontrolled spread of conventional arms and ammunition which represents a threat to the international peace and security. The global counter-proliferation system has developed considerably since the turn of the century, and robust barriers have been erected against proliferation. Effective strategic trade control system, which keeps in pace with evolving proliferation threats, rapid technological and scientific developments and transformation in global economic activity, is a key instrument in the counter-proliferation toolbox. In this context, Georgia sees the ATT as a unique opportunity to define common state responsibilities for exercising over the different stages of the arms transfer process and, as a result, prevent illicit and destabilizing arms transfers.

Dear colleagues, as the Treaty obliges all states-parties to establish regulations governing the transfer of major conventional arms and small arms and light weapons, as well as the export of ammunition and weapons parts and components, it has the real potential to eliminate illicit arms trade, to fully contribute to the humanitarian objectives.

Thank you.

