



LESOTHO Statement delivered during the ATT CSP4 Meeting: 20TH – 24ST August 2018; TOKYO, JAPAN

THANK YOU CHAIRPERSON,

My delegation aligns itself with the Africa Group statement delivered by Namibia

At the outset, I would like to commend the secretariat for convening this meeting, and for the efforts put into preparing the working documents and congratulates President for his leadership and hard work throughout the year.

Our deepest condolences to Ghana and Africa as a whole for the loss of the former Secretary General. Africa has lost one of its own and one of its best.

Chair, Lesotho believes in the promotion of peace and prosperity. It is on this basis that she attaches great importance to ATT which is a legally binding instrument. The challenge remains however, on the effective implementation of the Treaty particularly due emerging technology. The expert assistance is therefore a necessity for jurisdictions in need of the same.

While implementation remains a challenge, it is encouraging to note the commitment of the international community and the convergence among states in an effort to control international arms transfers and minimise diversions.

Our combined efforts will reduce unlawful transfers and diversions that have contributed to inhumane suffering which is against the dictates of public conscience.

Finally, we welcome the recent pledges from technology companies, organisations scientists and artificial intelligence experts. We also support the universal ratification of this TREATY.

I thank you