

**Statement by Thailand**  
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**to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)**

Mr. President,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by thanking you, Mr. President, for your dedication towards the Arms Trade Treaty. I am confident that under your leadership, our deliberations this week will lead to a successful conclusion. Our appreciation also extends to the **ATT Secretariat** for their on-going and invaluable support rendered to all States. Please rest assured of my delegation's full support.

Mr. President,

Today's security environment is **multi-faceted**, with many actors, including States, civil society, and **non-state actors** such as terrorist groups. This has implications for our international security architecture and the way conflict manifests itself. This is why **Thailand has fully supported the ATT since its inception**. We consider the Treaty as a **fundamental tool** for regulating the sphere of arms trafficking.

Mr. President,

As a **Signatory State**, Thailand reaffirms our commitment to the ATT and continues to be steadfast in moving towards **ratification** of the Treaty. Our internal procedures require that all obligations under the Treaty are fully in compliance and can be implemented within the framework of domestic legislations. This is where our agencies concerned are working on – to explore ways and means to finalize the legal requirements for the ATT provisions.

Thailand also sees the merit in international cooperation and assistance in enhancing the country's technical capacity towards ratification. We have reached out to States and organizations willing to share their knowledge and experiences with us. Most recently, in March 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the kind cooperation of the **European Union** through the **German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA)**, held a **workshop on brokering** within the ATT framework as part of the **EU-ATT Outreach Project Phase II**. The workshop gave us insights and ideas to further explore our options towards ratification. We would like convey our appreciation to the EU and BAFA in this regard.

As a first-hand beneficiary of **international cooperation and assistance**, we continue to reiterate its importance and encourage those in a position to provide assistance, to consider doing so.

Mr. President,

The Treaty's goals, including promotion of **transparency** and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms, align with those of other disarmament mechanisms, such as the UN