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Projet de Déclaration du Cameroun au débat Général de la Troisième Conférence des Etats-Parties au Traité sur le Commerce des Armes

Temps alloué : 4 minutes

Merci Monsieur le Président de passer la Parole au Cameroun,

On Behalf of the Government of Cameroon, I want to once again congratulate you for the wise chair on the preparation of this CSP3

The Government of Cameroon also want to commend the work of the Secretariat in this preparatory process,

On the same vein, Cameroon's expressed his appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for the facilities and support to the organization of this Conference,

Mister Chair,

Excellencies, Dear Delegates,

Dans un monde en proie à de nombreux conflits, le Traité sur la Commerce des Armes apporte un début de solution en éditant les règles minimales de vente et d'utilisation des armes. Pour le Cameroun qui a toujours milité en faveur de la paix et contre la vente aux acteurs non-étatiques, l'application du TCA pourrait réduire l'accès aux armes par les groupes terroristes qui menacent la paix dans plusieurs points du globe dont l'Afrique Centrale.

This is why Cameroon has engaged in relentless efforts to adopt a comprehensive framework on Arms in order to set a modern National System on International Arms Transfer. Thereof, the Cameroon Parliament adopted a new bill on the Management of Arms and Munitions On December 2016. This Bill sets the ground for the ratification of the ATT in the nearest future. Before doing so, the Government of Cameroon held several discussions with national stakeholders on the need to ratify, implement and universalize the ATT within the African Region.

Dear President, Excellencies, Dear Delegates, Dear All

Cameroon is engaged in a war against the terrorist group Boko Haram responsible for killing thousands of civilians mainly children and women. Cameroon is hosting more

than three hundred thousand refugees who flying from our brotherly countries of Nigeria and Central African Republic due to the atrocities caused by the acts of Boko Haram and some other arms groups who illegally have access to arms.

These conflicts which are generally encouraged by the possession, access and sales of illegal arms endangering the life of populations and jeopardizing all initiatives in favor of development, education and improvement of the livelihood of our citizens.

Cameroon want to thanks the supports of African countries, and that of other countries such as the United States of America, Russia, China, Great Britain, France, Germany, Turkey in the fight against the terrorist group, Boko Haram.

Mister President,

Cameroon would also like to express its gratitude to you, the Secretariat, Sweden, Germany, New Zeland, the Voluntary Trust Fund and all members States who supported the efforts of the Government of Cameroon on the implementation of the ATT. Cameroon therefore reiterates its commitment to fully implement its obligations under the ATT and facilitate the universalization of the said Treaty.

Cameroon is of the view that the success of this Treaty lies on the commitment of all countries (producers and consumers) to engage into a constructive discussions on way to ensure comprehensive implementation of the ATT. We are confident that the CSP3 shall pave the way to such discussions and strengthen cooperation in this domain.

Monsieur le Président,

Pour ce qui est de la prochaine présidence de la Conférence des Etats Parties, le Cameroun est en faveur du principe de rotation suivant la composition des blocs régionaux en pratique aux Nations Unies et soutient de ce fait la candidature du Japon, en harmonie avec la volonté des Etats de ladite région.

Thank you for your kind understanding./-