



**State of Palestine**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates**

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Mr. President,

Distinguished delegates,

State of Palestine acknowledges the ongoing efforts towards the universalization of the ATT and wishes to see a particular focus on the MENA region. The State of Palestine is honored to be the first state in the Middle East to accede to the ATT at a time where our region is engulfed with conflicts especially that the State of Palestine is suffering from a prolonged illegal colonial occupation for more than 75 years. Our accession to the treaty underscores our commitment to peace and security.

The State of Palestine regrets that major arms exporters are not parties to the treaty. We call upon them to do so to put an end to human suffering and maintain regional and international peace and security.

Effective implementation of the treaty is instrumental in its universalization. Double standards and lack of compliance with the ATT hinder its universalization. States Parties, must act responsibly and be role models of the treaty by demonstrating unwavering commitment to the treaty's principles and objectives.

Thank You