

THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND STATEMENT
AT THE
THIRD CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY
HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.
11-15 SEPTEMBER 2017.

THANKYOU CHAIR,
DISTIGUISH GUESTS,
LADIES AND GENTLE MAN.

- 1. As this is for the first time I take the floor during this Third Conference of states parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, allow me and my delegation first to congratulate you on your appointment as chairperson on these august house. The Kingdom of Swaziland welcomes the way you have steered preparations of this meeting. We remain convinced that the ultimate goal of this treaty is for States to agree on precise and operational recommendations aiming at ensuring the fullest in implementing the Treaty.**

Chair,

- 2. At national level, my country welcomes the support and assistance received from Mines Advisory Group (MAG) with the lending hand from international donors, who had tirelessly in form of equipments and training for the destruction of**

Small Arms and light weapons as well as expired Small Arms Ammunition (SAA), in compliance of the UNPoA Stockpile management by the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Chair and dear Colleagues,

- 3. As a country at regional-level, we highly acknowledge the funding from the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (ATT-VTF) granted to the Kingdom of Swaziland together with our good partner and African brother amongst others, The Republic of Zambia to run a ATT Academy which shall involve the Southern African Development Community (SADC) States with Control Arms as our partner on coordinating and facilitating the project in Training on the Implementation of the Treaty, Chair, on the same vain, as Swaziland is committed in the Ratification process, the running of the aforesaid training shall definitely add value on the process.**

Chair, distinguished Colleagues;

- 4. Lastly, Swaziland has signed a MoU on the project with Control Arms which is believed, as one of its purpose amongst others shall be the identification of our respective responsibilities and**

commitments, as applicants with our major partner.

I THANK YOU CHAIR FOR YOUR ATTENTION.