

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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TREATY
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Madam President,
Distinguished Colleagues,

1. Singapore expresses our appreciation to Ms Tsholofelo Tsheole of South Africa, President of the 12th Conference of States Parties (CSP12), and Ms Carina Solmirano, Head of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Secretariat, for your work in steering the preparatory process, and for leading this meeting.

Madam President,

2. Singapore recognises the importance of regulating international trade in conventional arms and supports global efforts to prevent illicit arms trade and diversion. In addition to our yearly participation in the CSP since 2015, Singapore has contributed to other international initiatives to combat unlawful arms trade, such as the Programme of Action (PoA) and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

3. Singapore is also committed to promoting transparency in the conventional arms trade. We have regularly submitted returns to the UN Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) since 1993 and have actively engaged in the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on the UNROCA in 2019 and 2022. Singapore has also contributed an expert to serve on the Technical Review Board of the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG). Singapore will

continue to work with the international community to curb the illicit trade in conventional arms.

4. As a global transit and transshipment hub, we are cognisant of the important role we play in international regulatory efforts. To regulate the transfer of strategic goods and curb illicit trade in conventional arms, Singapore has a robust export control regime underpinned by three main pieces of legislation, namely the Strategic Goods (Control) Act 2002, Regulation of Imports and Exports Act 1995, and the Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Act 2021. Singapore takes our international obligations on international arms sales seriously and enforces all UN Security Council arms embargoes to prevent the illicit diversion and transfer of arms to unauthorised users. We regularly review and update our export control regime to ensure that Singapore remains fully compliant with our international obligations.

Madam President,

5. As the illicit trade of conventional arms is a transnational threat to international peace and security, States must collectively work towards the prevention of such trade. At the same time, we should continue to recognise legitimate trade in conventional arms. Every State has the right to acquire conventional arms to exercise its sovereign right to self-defence. We must therefore strike a balance between fulfilling the obligations pursuant to the ATT and enabling legitimate international trade in conventional arms.

6. Singapore remains firmly committed to the objective and purpose of the ATT. We will continue to work with the international community to tackle the illicit trade of conventional arms.

Thank you.