



REPÚBLICA DE ANGOLA

STATEMENT

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Mr. President,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is an honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the delegation and the Government of the Republic of Angola.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election, as well as the Secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) for its excellent work in ensuring the success of this important Conference.

The Angolan delegation stands ready to cooperate fully with you and with the other delegations to ensure the success of our work.

Mr. President,

The Arms Trade Treaty is the first international instrument to regulate the international trade in conventional arms, and all efforts toward its universalization and effective implementation are crucial. It is up to each State to reflect on and contribute to the best ways to overcome persistent challenges.

In the current international context, marked by rising tensions and conflicts of various kinds around the world, additional efforts are required from the international community to realize the objectives of this Treaty, with a view to mitigating human suffering and promoting peace, security, and regional and international stability.

On this basis, we would like to congratulate the Head of the Secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty and the entire team for their efforts and actions aimed at building the capacity of States Parties, Signatories, and non-Signatories, thereby ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the positive impact of accession to and effective implementation of the Treaty at the national, regional, and international levels.

We believe that the approach adopted, particularly on the African continent, has a positive impact on efforts to achieve the Treaty's universalization and effective implementation, enabling the creation of networks for interaction and platforms for sharing experiences and best practices among different States.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Angola recognizes the importance of the ATT, an instrument that facilitates the convergence of national legislation on international transfers of conventional arms, harmonizing it with other regulatory approaches around the world, which contributes significantly to control and increased confidence among all parties involved in the international trade in conventional arms.

For this reason, it has taken advantage of the opportunities offered to strengthen its **National Authority for Arms Control and Disarmament** through participation in and continuous monitoring of the actions and developments in the process of universalizing and implementing the Treaty. As a result, a Biennial Action Plan was adopted, focused on preparing the steps toward the completion of ratification and the effective implementation of the ATT, with an emphasis on aligning national legislation. This plan received support from the **Voluntary Trust Fund (VFT)** to carry out the necessary actions, with the assistance and partnership of UNIDIR.

Mr. President,

The Angolan delegation believes that this session will be very productive; we therefore call on the States Parties to continue working in a spirit of unity and to promote constructive dialogue and the sharing of best practices in the implementation of this important Treaty.

I thank you!