

Intervention: Agenda Item No. 4 – Thematic Discussion on Small Arms & Light Weapons, and Stockpile Management

Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP7)

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Mr. President,

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

The Philippines extends its appreciation to the President of the Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP7) as well as to the ATT Secretariat for your exceptional work and untiring efforts to pursue the purposes of the ATT amidst these challenging times.

The Philippines welcomes the statements delivered and activities conducted on Stockpile Management and Disposal. This has been a priority of the Philippines as shown by our active participation to national and regional meetings on the subject and in our proposals to the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) during the last two (2) cycles.

The Philippines hopes for your continued cooperation and assistance in the area of Stockpile Management and Disposal.

Mr. President,

The Philippines supports all efforts to use the latest, yet affordable databasing technologies for monitoring and recording all aspects of the life cycle of ammunitions and firearms. We hope that easier, convenient, and reliable technologies may be made available to States with lesser resources dedicated or prioritized to arms regulation.

Thank you very much.