



DELEGATION OF JAPAN  
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Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament  
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Japan would like to express its sincere appreciation to Ambassador Yoon and Ambassador Göbel for your continued efforts toward universalization in your capacity as Co-Chairs of this working group.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since the adoption of the ATT in 2013 and we believe that the ATT is becoming increasingly important under the current unstable global security environment. Japan supports the recommended approaches in the draft proposal by the Co-Chairs and is committed to contribute to collective efforts towards further universalization.

As a member of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group, Japan welcomes and supports the initiative by the President to hold the Regional Workshop in Jakarta to promote the ATT in the ASEAN region at the end of this month. Japan will participate in the ASEAN workshop as one of the panelists and will share our efforts to accede to the Treaty and present how Japan's security export control system works in implementing the ATT. We hope that this workshop provides an opportunity to promote understanding of the values of the ATT and also facilitates the way forwards to universalization in the ASEAN region.

Japan appreciates the significant contribution by organizations of civil society to further universalization. As a part of our ongoing outreach activity this year, Japan,

together with Australia, New Zealand and Control Arms, plans to hold a lunch meeting with mainly Pacific countries in the margins of the ATT meetings this week. We will focus on the issue of diversion, the roles of the ATT, challenges and the way forward for the Pacific region. We would like to share the outcomes of the meeting during the CSP9.

Last but not least, to strengthen the effectiveness of the ATT, further universalization is necessary. We look forward to working together to achieve tangible progress in universalization of the ATT. I would like to conclude my statement by encouraging all non-States parties to join the treaty.

I thank you, Co-Chair.