



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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Mr. President, Madame Co-Chair,

Japan would like to express its appreciation for the continued efforts of Ambassador Rusu and Ambassador Yoon towards the universalization of the Treaty.

Japan warmly welcomes Gambia, who deposited its instrument of accession in June, and Malawi, who deposited its instrument of ratification in July. We commend the efforts made by all related stakeholders in both states to join the ATT. We appreciate States Parties, the ATT Secretariat and related civil society organizations, such as the ICRC, Control Arms and Safer World, for supporting Gambia and Malawi in their efforts to join the ATT.

While it is a positive development that the number of States Parties is expected to reach 115, further universalization must be promoted to attain the objectives and purpose stipulated in Article 1 of the ATT. We would like to call once again on the signatories and non-signatories present at this conference to join the Treaty at the earliest possible date.

Japan, as a member of the Asia-Pacific Group, attaches great importance to the universalization of the ATT, especially in the Asia Pacific region. From this perspective, during an event called “Peer-to-Peer Exchange on the ATT” co-hosted

by the ICRC and Cambodia in Phnom Penh earlier this month, Japan shared its implementation practices of the Treaty with some countries in Asia Pacific region and introduced them to the ATT's support mechanisms. We also listened to the views and challenges of states not party to the Treaty and encouraged them to join the ATT.

We recognize the importance of mechanisms such as the Voluntary Trust Fund, the Sponsorship Programme, the “Train the Trainers Workshop” funded by the EU, and the role of the ATT Secretariat in promoting universalization, and express our appreciation for the efforts and contributions made by all stakeholders.

Japan is ready to contribute to the universalization of the ATT by continuing dialogues with states not party, in cooperation with other States Parties, civil society and all related stakeholders under the new Universalization Work Plan.

I thank you, Co-Chair.