

DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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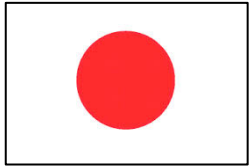
Thank you, Madam President,

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation for your leadership as the President of the Twelfth Conference of States Parties. I also wish to thank the ATT Secretariat for its valuable support. Japan warmly welcomes the ratification of the Treaty by Vanuatu and the accession to the Treaty by Ecuador.

Japan reaffirms the importance of the ATT in promoting greater responsibility and transparency in the international arms trade, and in contributing to international peace and security.

As one of the countries that actively contributed to the establishment of the ATT, Japan has faithfully fulfilled its obligations under the Treaty and has consistently pursued responsible export controls. We are now at an important juncture as we consider how to shape the next decade of the ATT. It is therefore essential that States Parties identify common priorities and develop practical guidance to implement the objectives of the Treaty more effectively.

In this regard, Japan would like to highlight three priorities.

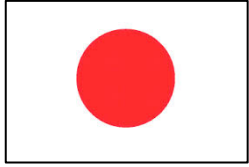


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First, effective implementation of the Treaty. Strengthening national implementation frameworks, enhancing transparency, ensuring effective reporting, as well as promoting capacity-building and international cooperation are essential to effective implementation of the ATT. Japan will continue to support States Parties that require assistance in strengthening their capacity to implement the Treaty. In this regard, the Voluntary Trust Fund, which marks its tenth anniversary this year, plays an important role in supporting national implementation. Japan looks forward to its effective and transparent operation and will continue to contribute to capacity-building efforts through the VTF.

Second, looking ahead to the future of the ATT. The ATT five-year strategy currently under development will provide important guidance for strengthening effective implementation of the Treaty. Japan hopes that the strategy will be a practical and action-oriented document to help States Parties in sharing common priorities, making effective use of limited resources, and steadily strengthening the implementation of the ATT.

Third, universalisation. To fully realise the objectives of the ATT, it is essential that more countries join the Treaty and share its norms. Japan places particular importance on the Asia-Pacific region. We believe it is important to continue our outreach to States that have not yet joined the Treaty and to promote broader participation in the ATT.



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Madame President,

Japan remains firmly committed to the objectives of the ATT. We will continue to work closely and constructively with all States Parties and other stakeholders for steady and effective implementation of the ATT.

Thank you.

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