L.31: National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology

India has voted in favour of L.31 as it supports the broad objectives of this resolution but abstained on PP7, PP8 and OP1 as they make references to the Arms Trade Treaty. This is consistent with our approach on the ATT. India participated actively in the negotiations for the Arms Trade Treaty in the expectation that such a treaty would make a real impact on illicit trafficking in conventional arms and their illicit use especially by terrorists and other unauthorized and unlawful non-state actors. During the ATT negotiations India consistently stressed that the treaty should ensure a balance of obligations between exporting and importing States. However, the finalized treaty text did not meet our requirements on these counts. We are undertaking a full and thorough assessment of the ATT from the perspective of our defence, security and foreign policy interests. Till this assessment is completed India is not in a position to take a final view on the ATT.

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