STATEMENT
by the Delegation of Ukraine
at the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
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At the outset, I would like to join the previous speakers in congratulating you, Mr. President, on your assumption of the presidency of the Final UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty. I would like to assure you of our delegation’s full support to ensure a successful outcome of the Conference.

Mr. President,

Ukraine fully shares concerns of the international community that unregulated or illegal trade, spread and misuse of weapons poses serious threat for security and stability in the world.

A changing global economy and technological developments have created new proliferation challenges in the field of arms trade. In the last several years Ukraine consistently supported the developments related to the Arms Trade Treaty. Co-sponsorship by Ukraine of the UN General Assembly Resolution 67/234 “Arms Trade Treaty” of 4 January 2013 confirms this fact.

Mr. President,

We are entering a critical final phase of the ATT negotiation and expecting to reach a consensus on it by the end of this Conference. We believe that a text of the Treaty should be feasible, and we could manage a very difficult challenge before us most effectively. On this track, the delegation of Ukraine will fully support continued efforts throughout this process. Thereby we all may hope that the Treaty will put an end to contradicting views on establishing global control over arms transfer.

Besides, the more states accede to the Treaty the closer we shall approach our common goal – putting international transfer of conventional arms under robust control with the aim of highlighting and preventing its illicit trade on the global level. Successful implementation of this objective by deterring the diversion of arms into the illicit market will also undermine transnational organized crime and terrorism, thus contributing to international and regional peace, security, and stability, promoting transparency and accountability in international transfers of conventional arms.

Finally, by putting in place the ATT we shall establish an obligation to each State Party to develop an effective national legal and administrative system that would ensure strict control over all transfers of items covered by the scope of the Treaty. Ukraine, which is a member of all international export control regimes and has a
strict, transparent and well-functioning national export control system, will be ready to share its expertise in this field with all UN Member States.

I thank you Mr. President.