



**Second Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
Statement by Shobha Shrestha, Control Arms
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Mr President,

Control Arms remains committed to working cooperatively and collaboratively with the ATT Secretariat towards the goal of Treaty universalization and full implementation.

Control Arms welcomes the progress made in setting up the ATT Secretariat since the Extraordinary Meeting of States Parties in February of this year. The tasks of the Secretariat are clearly delineated in the ATT and there is significant work to be done. Moving forward we hope and expect that the current focus on administrative tasks will be supplemented by an increased emphasis on fulfilling the substantive parts of its mandate, such as technical advice on implementation. This will be essential in fulfilling the aspirations of universalization and effective implementation emphasized by so many states this week.

Control Arms believes that it is essential that the ATT Secretariat achieves its full complement of staff as quickly as possible. Finally, Control Arms believes that the ATT Secretariat should be properly resourced to a level that is commensurate with the effective discharge of its responsibilities.