

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation welcomes your role as Chair of this meeting and assures you of its full support and cooperation, with a view to making this meeting a success.

With the rapid advance of the emerging technologies such as 3D printing, e-commerce and IT applications, the issue of illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking becomes more complex. Firearms trafficking by using online platforms, with more organized structure and by employing diversified covert techniques has become trendy, which further exacerbates the difficulty in preventing and tracing illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking, hence posing new challenges to peace, stability and development for related countries and regions. The international community should enhance efforts in the following areas:

1. Governments should increase capacity building, establish and reinforce related legal and regulation regimes within their national contexts, with a view to, on the one hand, exercising strict control over firearms export to refrain from non-State actors' access; on the other hand, increasing domestic firearms control and combating firearms related illegal activities.
2. The UN should play its leading role. Countries are encouraged to conduct bilateral, regional and international cooperation and engage more with the ICPO and other multilateral organizations in information exchange and practical cooperation. Developed countries should expand assistance to developing ones to meet their needs in areas of mechanism building, staff training and financial and technical support.
3. We should address this issue in a holistic manner. History tells us that

only by settling disputes through political and diplomatic means, maintaining international and regional peace and stability, can we remove the root causes of military conflicts, terrorism and organized crimes and create an enabling environment to uproot the problem of illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking.

Mr. Chairman,

China always attaches high importance to and stands firm against illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking.

In the regard of legislation, within its national context and in reference to international norms, China has promulgated and implemented the Law on Gun Control, the amended Regulations on Export Control of Military Goods and its list, constantly refine the legal and institutional structure.

In the regard of law enforcement, China applies strict control over the whole cycle of small arms and light weapons including production, marking, storage, use, transfer, shipping, confiscation and destruction and implements a series of export control measures, including a licensing system. In response to the new trend of firearms trafficking over Internet, Chinese law enforcement authorities are taking thorough stock of experiences, making use of new technologies such as machine-assisted checking to conduct more rigorous examination of imported goods, particularly preventing and combating firearms trafficking characterized by online vending, split-up postal deliveries and mislabeling. At the same time we have set up and are upgrading cross-sector communication and coordination mechanisms to give guidance to online business and logistics.

In the regard of international cooperation, China remains active in sharing policies and practices with others, Chinese police, customs and

relevant agencies are engaged with their counterparts in other countries and international organizations. Under the frameworks of the UN, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the China-Africa Cooperation Forum, China has provided financial, technical support and training to specific countries.

On July 6th, China deposited to the UN its instrument of accession to the Arms Trade Treaty, thus marking a significant step taken by China to participate actively in global governance of arms trade and to maintain the international and regional peace and stability. China will, as always, uphold the purpose and objective of ATT and combat illegal arms transfers in all manifestations, including illicit firearms trafficking.

Mr. Chairman,

Along with all countries, China stands ready to enhance mutual exchange and cooperation, address effectively the illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking and contribute actively to the maintenance of international and regional peace and stability.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.