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On Matters pertaining to the Secretariat

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Thank you President for the floor.

I take the floor on behalf of the DMUN Foundation and a group of youth organizations that voluntarily align with our statement.

We express our gratitude to Ms. Carina SOLMIRANO, Head of the Secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty, and her colleagues for their tireless efforts to uphold the outcomes of the Treaty.

We also express our appreciation to the Working Group for their preparation for the detailed reports.

Mr. President, please allow our delegation to give some short remarks on our reflections of the documentation received under this agenda item.



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First, we strongly support the hybrid model of participation in ATT meetings. While we note concerns of uneven monitoring of remote participation, we believe that hybrid participation allows for inclusive representation of all observers, especially marginalized rightsholders like children and youth, who often do not have the resources to be physically present in the meetings.

Second, we commend the general consensus of parties to mandate the Secretariat to explore novel models for interpretation to reduce cost implications. However, if such models are implemented, proper due diligence and alternative measures must be considered to fully eliminate any possibility of issues occurring with the quality of interpretation.

Interpretation is crucial for all parties and observers to deliver their opinions in the most inclusive manner, aiding decision-making. We believe that this is a fundamental axiom and cannot be compromised.

Third, we are supportive of the view that venues for the Conference of States Parties should remain in Geneva. While we note that there are significant benefits to the rotation of venues, such as the diverse and inclusive representation of stakeholders, we believe that there is a significant reduction of cost implications through a standing venue in Geneva.

It is our belief that any and all available budgets to the Secretariat should be dedicated to treaty implementation and universalisation, and hence we are supportive of this permanent venue model.

We thank you.