

**Remarks of the delegation of Kazakhstan
to the 25th Asian Export Control Seminar
“The role of the Arms Trade Treaty for the prevention of terrorism”
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Mr. Chair and fellow delegates,

I'm pleased to have this opportunity to inform the distinguished delegations that Kazakhstan acceded to the Arms Trade Treaty on 08 December 2017. According to Article 22(1) the Treaty will enter into force in Kazakhstan on 08 March this year.

Kazakhstan considers the ATT as a fundamental tool for regulating the sphere of arms trafficking. The uncontrolled transfer of arms supports terrorism, and contributes to the escalation and extension of conflicts for many years, which then leads to regional and wider global instability. It also affects violations of international law, including international humanitarian law.

Kazakhstan fully shares the concern of the world community related to illicit arms trafficking, which has a negative impact on security, human rights, socio-economic situation, and especially in the crisis and post-conflict areas of the world. In this regard, efforts to promote responsibility and transparency in the field of international arms trade require the utmost urgency.

We are confident that only effective national implementation is the key to ensuring that the Arms Trade Treaty becomes a truly strong and effective international instrument for the suppression of illicit arms trafficking.

Now we are working on implementation measures and we will participate in the next Conference in Japan as a member state.

Thank you for attention!