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EoV on L. 11 Arms Trade Treaty

India has voted for L.11 on the Arms Trade. We believe that further work needs to be done and a treaty of this kind which would be legally binding when in force should not be rushed through. The treaty should make a real impact on addressing illicit trafficking in conventional arms and their diversion to terrorists and other non-State actors. It should establish a balance of obligations of exporting and importing States and ensure that national implementation and domestic jurisdiction are fully respected. It is important to bring all stakeholders on board in a manner that promotes the prospects of a treaty that is practical and implementable and is able to attract universal adherence. India is prepared to engage in further work on an ATT in a consensus based process and outcome without imposing artificial deadlines.