Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan has voted in favour of L.29 entitled Arms Trade Treaty.

The present death and destruction caused by the supply and misuse of conventional weapons in several parts of Africa, Middle East, Asia and elsewhere is disconcerting and raises potential concerns on the efficacy of ATT and other plurilateral or regional mechanisms. Early resolution of issues such as the absence of definitions and lack of accountability of exporters would be vital in making the ATT effective. The rhetoric and reality would need to be reconciled for ATT to gain global public trust and ownership.

Even as we continue our national review of the treaty, we believe that ATT’s success, effectiveness and universality will be assessed on its non-discriminatory implementation in particular its criteria and strict adherence by its State Parties to the treaty principles.

I thank you Mr. Chairman