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## ***ACTION PLAN from Lusophone States Workshop to Promote Ratification and Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty***

***We Members of Parliament from Angola, Brasil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Equatorial, Mozambique, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe, meeting at this Regional Lusophone Workshop at the National Assembly of Cape Verde in Praia from 18-19 July, 2016 to Promote Ratification and Implementation of The Arms Trade Treaty***

*Aware of* the devastating human consequences of inadequately addressing the illicit trade in conventional arms, in particular small arms and light weapons in a number of Lusophone countries and around the world

*Aware also* of the often extreme and disproportionate negative impact of the illicit trade in conventional arms on women and children

*Recognizing* the negative impact of this nefarious trade on attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goals 11 and 16, relating to the importance of ensuring safe cities and peaceful societies, as well as all urban and rural communities

*Applauding* the fact that 130 countries signed the Arms Trade Treaty within the prescribed period, including 7 Lusophone States and that, to date, 86 countries have ratified this crucial international convention

*Mindful*, however, of the fact that, to date, regrettably, only 1 Lusophone State has ratified the Arms Trade Treaty and other 2 State have finished their parliamentary process, envisioning the ratification of the Treaty

*Mindful also*, of the fact that many Lusophone countries suffer in first hand the devastating effects of the inadequate regulation of the international trade in conventional weapons, in particular small arms and light weapons

*Recalling* that the Lusophone States are island States or have extensive coastal border areas, making them more vulnerable to the illicit trade in conventional arms

*Acknowledging* the importance of international cooperation and assistance in the implementation of the ATT, as set out in Articles 15 and 16 of the ATT

*Recognizing* the need, therefore, for greater, more urgent participation by Lusophone States in the Arms Trade Treaty

***Undertake to:***

1. *Advocate* for prompt ratification and gender sensitive implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty by our respective Governments, by tabling motions, orders, resolutions and/or asking questions in committee and/or plenary sessions in our respective parliaments with this objective, as well as reaching out to relevant Government Ministers with the same goal, in collaboration with civil society
2. *Urge* our respective Governments, upon ratification of the ATT to submit national implementation reports and any other reports due under the ATT in a timely and comprehensive manner, as well as national reports to be submitted under other closely related international agreements, including the UN Programme of Action Addressing the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons
3. *Reach out* to the people who we represent as well as social communication outlets in our respective countries to raise awareness surrounding the ATT and its importance, as well as to draw attention to this Regional Workshop and this Plan of Action
4. *Stay in contact* with the PGA Secretariat on a regular basis and to report back to the PGA Secretariat on steps we have taken pursuant to this Plan of Action

*Express sincere appreciation to the National Assembly of Cape Verde and PGA for the organization of this Regional Workshop*

*Done in Praia, this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2016*