UNGA Resolution 70/46 «Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices»

Arms controls efforts have been one of the cornerstones of the International Community security environment. Portugal shares the International Community concerns about the growing tendencies on the dissemination of Conventional Arms, and bearing in mind the historical testimonies on this subject, Portugal considers that non-proliferation and disarmament is a matter of the utmost importance to the promotion of Peace and Security in a global context and, specifically, in a regional and sub-regional context.

Portugal, along with its NATO partners, has ratified the Treaty on the Conventional Arms Forces in Europe and believes that this endeavor has proven to be an exceptional element to the security and stability of the European region, having established a transparency mechanism that managed to be a major element in that regard.

The successful experience of the Treaty on the Conventional Arms Forces in Europe could be a good model for other regions of the world. Bearing this in mind, Portugal believes that a similar mechanism would prove to be a stability promoting element in different parts of the globe, on a regional and sub-regional context.

Portugal is in favor of developing synergies between regional organizations that may be involved in arms control.

Portugal regrets the decision by the Russian Government to abandon the CFE Treaty (Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe).

Portugal was one of the first 50 states to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) as we consider the monitoring of the trade of Small and Light Weapons as a priority for Conventional Arms Control. We stand ready to promote the universalization of the ATT and we are fully committed to the efforts of promoting its ratification.