

CHINA TO JOIN UN ARMS TRADE TREATY

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China will join a global pact to regulate arms sales, with Beijing saying on Monday that it is committed to efforts to “enhance peace and stability” in the world. The Communist Party leadership’s top legislative body voted on Saturday to adopt a decision on joining the UN Arms Trade Treaty that is designed to control the flow of weapons into conflict zones. It comes after U.S. President Donald Trump announced plans last year to pull the U.S. out of the agreement — which entered into force in 2014.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told reporters that joining the treaty was “another important measure for China to support multilateralism”. It is among the agreements reached under the Obama administration that Mr. Trump has moved to pull out of.

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