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Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

INFORMAL BALLOT PROCEDURE

(Non-recorded procedure w/ secret ballot)

The procedure has the agreement of all three candidates as the manner that will enable States Parties to formally agree, in plenary, on a location for the seat of the Secretariat by consensus. The non-recorded ballot will be conducted as follows:

1. For the purpose of these procedures, State Parties present and voting means State Parties present and registering a preference for the location of the Secretariat, e.g. one of the following locations: Geneva, Port of Spain or Vienna.
2. A ballot which contains more than one registered preference shall be considered an invalid ballot.
3. The secret ballots shall be collected, one by one, of all States Parties by alphabetical order starting with the letter A.
4. The ballot collection and count will be conducted by one (1) teller accompanied by four (4) verification officers that perform these tasks on a voluntary basis, and are drawn from a geographically representative pool and come from States that are Party to the Arms Trade Treaty.
5. A 2/3 majority of votes obtained by one of the three locations in the first round will provide the candidate for consideration by States Parties.
6. Provided that none of the three locations obtain 2/3 majority in the first round, a second secret ballot shall be conducted.
7. A location with the least number of votes in the first round, in which none of the other two locations have obtained a 2/3 majority, will voluntarily withdraw.
8. The location that in a second round obtains a simple majority of votes will be the only remaining candidate for consideration by States Parties as the permanent seat of the Secretariat.

9. The first ballot will be conducted Wednesday morning local time, 26 August 2015.
10. The second ballot will be conducted no earlier than Wednesday afternoon local time, 26 August 2015.
11. The President warmly welcomes the proposal put forward by the three candidates and wishes to proceed accordingly.
12. The President therefore kindly requests the support of States Parties for this procedure.

Cancún, 25 August 2015