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REPORT ON THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2020/2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared by the ATT Secretariat as administrator of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, in accordance with the decision of the Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).
2. The report covers the operations of the ATT Sponsorship Programme for the period immediately after the Sixth Conference of States Parties (CSP6) up to the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7).
3. The first part of the report provides an overview of the background to the ATT Sponsorship Programme. The second part of the report provides an update on the financial status of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, as at 26 July 2021.

BACKGROUND

4. The Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) decided to entrust the ATT Secretariat with the administration of the ATT Sponsorship Programme from CSP4 (see paragraph 34 of the Final Report of CSP4 held from 20-24 August 2018 (ATT/CSP4/2018/SEC/369/Conf.FinRep.Rev1)). CSP4 also

‘directed the Secretariat and the Management Committee to elaborate the necessary protocols governing the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme by the ATT Secretariat, in consultation with States Parties and Signatory States, including a protocol to guide the selection process of the ATT sponsorship programme in order to ensure transparency, efficiency and impartiality in the work of the programme’ (paragraph 34 of the Final Report).

5. In accordance with this directive, the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee elaborated *Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme* that included a description of the purpose of the ATT Sponsorship Programme and its operations, as well as Annexes setting out the general principles to be applied to the selection of applicants and financial protocols governing the use of funds.
6. CSP5 considered and adopted the Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme, while subjecting paragraph 2 on selection criteria of Annex A of the Draft Administrative Guidelines to the provisions of paragraph 36 of the CSP5 Final Report.

STATUS OF SPONSORSHIP FUNDING

7. The ATT Secretariat opened a bank account dedicated to the ATT Sponsorship Programme in October 2018 and issued calls for contributions to the ATT Sponsorship Programme on 18 October 2018, 27 September 2019, and 12 November 2020 in an effort to raise funds for the Sponsorship Programme.

8. As at 26 July 2021, the ATT Secretariat had received voluntary contributions from nine (9) donor states namely Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland. To date, a total of **USD 867,091** in sponsorship funds has been received into the sponsorship fund (see Annex A).

9. The ATT Working Group Meetings and CSP7 Informal Preparatory Meeting that took place from 26 – 30 April 2021 were held virtually, and in the absence of face-to-face meetings in Geneva, no sponsorship programme was implemented for the April meetings.

10. Similarly, the informal consultations that were held from 28 – 30 June 2021 also took place virtually and accordingly, no sponsorship programme was implemented to sponsor delegates to attend the consultations.

11. Following the decision to hold CSP7 in hybrid format - with a limited number of delegates permitted to participate in the Conference in person - a limited sponsorship programme was offered only to States that do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva, Switzerland, that wished to send a (single) representative to attend CSP7 in person. A call for applications to the ATT Sponsorship programme to attend CSP7 was circulated to States on 12 July 2021 with a deadline for applications set at 30 July 2021. As at 30 July 2021, no applications for sponsorship to attend CSP7 had been received from eligible States, and accordingly, the ATT Sponsorship Programme did not sponsor any State representative to attend CSP7.

CONCLUSION

12. In summary, since the ATT Secretariat began administering the ATT Sponsorship Programme in September 2018, the ATT Sponsorship Programme received a total of USD 867,091 in voluntary contributions. A total of USD 200,786 was used for the CSP5 cycle and a total of USD 71,992 was used in the CSP6 cycle to sponsor 23 delegates to participate in the first series of meetings held during the CSP6 cycle and to cover bank charges, audit costs and administration support costs, with the remaining meetings cancelled due to the COVID-outbreak. No funds were used during the CSP7 cycle to sponsor delegates to participate in any meetings held during the cycle, including CSP7 itself. The ATT Secretariat is planning to use the remaining funds towards the ATT Sponsorship Programme for the CSP8 cycle, and will consult with those donors that earmarked their contributions for the CSP6 cycle with a view to rolling-over those contributions to the CSP8 cycle in light of the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 outbreak.

ANNEX A. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FUNDS RECEIVED¹

Contributions to ATT Sponsorship Programme			
1	Australia	USD	35'596.19
2	Canada	USD	65'000.00
3	Germany	USD	293'912.95
4	Ireland	USD	28'442.00
5	Netherlands	USD	170'455.00
6	Portugal	USD	32'699.49
7	Republic of Korea	USD	60'000.00
8	Sweden	USD	39'145.66
9	Switzerland	USD	141'839.88
Total Contributions		USD	867'091.17

¹ The table includes contributions made to the ATT Sponsorship Programme since CSP4 entrusted the ATT Secretariat with the administration of the ATT Sponsorship Programme (i.e. from 25 August 2018).

ANNEX B. ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FINANCIAL POSITION

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
INCOME		
Contributions received in 2019	USD	320'563.60
Contributions received in 2020	USD	459'708.57
Contributions received in 2021	USD	86'819.00
Other income	USD	0.00
Total Income	USD	867'091.17
EXPENDITURE		
Total Expenditure CSP5 Cycle (2019)	USD	200'786.00
Total Expenditure CSP6 Cycle (2020)	USD	73'884.00
Expenditure CSP7 Cycle (2021)	USD	4'850.00
Total Expenditure	USD	279'520.00
NET SURPLUS (Available Funds)	USD	587'571.17