

The Arms Trade Treaty  
Avenue de France 23  
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To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.  
: Representatives of Signatory States to the Arms Trade Treaty.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

### **1ST CSP9 DIVERSION INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM (DIEF) MEETING: COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIR**

1. In the run-up to the 1<sup>st</sup> CSP9 meeting of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF), scheduled to take place on 11 May at Tempus, Palais des Nations, Geneva, I would like to inform representatives of States Parties and signatory States about the status of preparation for this meeting. In this regard, I regret to inform you that while a number of States Parties have communicated their intention to present a case or share diversion-related information in the DIEF meeting that will take place during CSP9, at this stage no States Parties or signatory States have done so for the 11 May meeting. As the DIEF was established for the purpose of enabling States Parties or signatory States to present cases of detected or suspected diversion and to share concrete, operational diversion-related information as set out in Rules 18 and 19 of the DIEF Terms of Reference, the value of its meetings depends entirely on such information being shared and exchanged by States during those meetings.

2. Considering the purpose of the DIEF, holding a DIEF meeting without any State Party or signatory State presenting a diversion case or sharing diversion-related information would be fruitless. In assessing the relevance of holding a DIEF meeting on 11 May, I recall that according to Rule 11 of the DIEF Terms of Reference, States Parties and signatory States can still announce their intention to present a case or share diversion-related information until the draft agenda is adopted at the meeting.

3. **To facilitate effective time management by delegates, I would like to enquire whether any State Party or signatory State is planning to announce its intention to present a case or share diversion-related information at the beginning of the DIEF meeting on 11 May. If that would be the case, I request that the State Party or signatory State concerned notifies the ATT Secretariat and the Chair by **Tuesday 09 May, 12:00**, by sending an email to: [info@thearmstradetreaty.org](mailto:info@thearmstradetreaty.org) and [philippe.lejeune@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:philippe.lejeune@diplomatie.gouv.fr). If no State Party or signatory State has informed the ATT Secretariat and the Chair of the DIEF of its intention by that time, the Chair proposes to announce the cancellation of the 11<sup>th</sup> May DIEF meeting and invite all States Parties and signatory States to consider presenting cases of suspected or sharing other diversion-related information during the DIEF meeting that will take place during CSP9.**

Yours faithfully,

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