
Arms Trade Treaty
Eighth Conference of States Parties
Geneva, 22 – 26 August 2022

CSP8 Provisional Annotated Programme of Work

The Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) will follow a rolling agenda, wherein once a session has concluded, the CSP8 President may proceed with the next item on the Agenda. Time indications on the Agenda are to be considered as provisional and delegations are advised to be prepared for adjustments as necessary and as determined by the President.

Monday, 22 August

10:00-13:00

1. Opening session of the Conference

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Eighth Conference of States Parties, Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL, after which the Conference will be addressed by the invited distinguished guests.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The President will invite the Conference to consider and adopt the provisional agenda for the Conference as presented.

3. Organization of Work

The President will give a statement acknowledging the ATT Rules of Procedure, the ATT Financial Rules, the Secretary for the Meeting, Election of Officers (if need be) and Delegations' information as well as provide an overview of the organization of work for the week in the context of the rolling conference agenda. The President will conclude this item by reflecting on the implementation of priorities of the German Presidency.

4. Thematic discussion on Post Shipment Controls

During this session, the Conference will hold a thematic discussion on Post Shipment Controls. The thematic discussion will begin with a panel addressing, amongst others, the context of Post Shipment Controls within the ATT, elements of and considerations for Post

Shipment Controls, as well as opportunities and challenges experienced by states in establishing and operationalizing Post Shipment Controls. Following this, delegates will be invited to participate in the thematic discussion through statements and questions to panelists.

15:00-18:00

5. General Debate

During this session, delegations (States Parties, Signatory States and other Observer States) will be invited to deliver statements of a general nature. International and regional organisations as well as representatives of civil society and industry will also be welcome to deliver general statements. For reasons of time management, all statements in this session will be limited to a maximum of five minutes. In view of this, delegations are highly encouraged to submit their statements ahead of time to facilitate the work of translators to info@thearmstradetreaty.org.

15:00-18:00

18:30-20:00

Reception will be hosted by Germany

Tuesday, 23 August

10:00 – 13:00

General Debate, *cont'd*

The General debate will continue with statements limited to a maximum of five minutes per State Party, Signatory State, Observer State, international organisation, regional organisation, civil society and industry representative.

15:00 – 18:00

6. Treaty Universalization

Pursuant to Art 17(4) of the Treaty, the Conference will be invited to exchange views on Treaty universalization, starting with the ATT Secretariat overview presentation on the status of ATT participation. The Co-chairs of the Working Group on Treaty Universalization will provide a report to the Conference on the status of work conducted by the Working

Group in the intersessional period and making proposals on universalization activities that could be considered for implementation and those for further discussion in the period after the Eighth Conference of States Parties.

7. Treaty Implementation

In accordance with Art 17 (4) of the Treaty, during this session the Conference will be invited to exchange views on Treaty implementation including aspects related to the establishment of national control systems, interagency cooperation, treaty prohibitions, export and export assessments, diversion, transit and transshipment and record keeping.

The Chair (supported by Facilitators) of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation will be invited to present to the Conference a report on the work conducted by the Working Group in the intersessional period between the Seventh Conference of States Parties and the Eighth Conference of States Parties. The Working Group report will, amongst others, put forward proposals on how the Treaty implementation work could be structured and carried out in the period after the Eighth Conference of States Parties.

Wednesday, 24 August

10:00 – 13:00

Treaty Implementation, *cont'd*

Exchanges on Treaty implementation and consideration of the Working Group's report will continue during session.

8. Transparency and Reporting

During this session the Conference will consider matters pertaining to the Treaty's transparency and reporting obligations. The session will commence with the ATT Secretariat overview presentation on the current status of reporting under the Treaty.

Following this, the President will invite the Co-chairs of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting to provide a report to the Conference on the status of work conducted by the Working Group in the intersessional period, including proposals on how the Treaty transparency and reporting work could be structured in the period after the Eighth Conference of States Parties. This will be followed by States Parties' exchange of views on transparency and reporting and sharing of experiences on reporting under the Treaty thus far.

15:00 – 18:00

9. Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF)

The Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) will convene its first meeting since it was established by the Sixth Conference of States Parties. The DIEF is a *sui generis* body for informal voluntary exchanges between States Parties and signatory States concerning concrete cases of detected or suspected diversion and for sharing concrete, operational diversion-related information. In accordance with the DIEF Terms of Reference, this session is only open to representatives of States Parties and signatory States. In this regard, the agenda and other logistics for this DIEF session will be communicated to States Parties and signatory States.

Thursday, 25 August

10:00 – 13:00

10. International Assistance

During this session, the Conference will exchange views on international assistance including requests and offers for international assistance as presented by States Parties. To initiate this discussion, the President will invite the ATT Secretariat to provide a report on the status of operation of the Sponsorship Programme including funds received and delegates supported.

Following this, the President will invite the Chairman of the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) Selection Committee and the ATT Secretariat to provide a report on the status of operation of the VTF including an update on the funded Treaty implementation projects as well as any other proposal for improvement of the VTF work in the period after the Eighth Conference of States Parties.

15:00 – 18:00

11. Matters pertaining to the Secretariat

During this session, the Conference will consider the ATT Secretariat's and the Management Committee's reports pertaining to their work during the period under review including any recommendations by the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee. Furthermore, the Conference will consider and adopt the ATT Secretariat budget for the financial year 2023.

12. Matters pertaining to Financial Contributions

During this session, the Conference will exchange views on how the status of financial contributions to ATT budgets could be improved.

Friday, 30 August

10:00 – 13:00

13. Matters pertaining to the Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9).

During this session, the Conference will consider the following matters:

- a. Preparations for the Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9) including the adoption of the budget for the next ordinary session in accordance with Article 17(3) of the Treaty.
- b. Election of the President and vice-Presidents of CSP9 in accordance with Rule 9(1) of the ATT Rules of Procedure.
- c. Establishment of any subsidiary bodies as may be necessary to improve the functioning of the Treaty in accordance with Article 17 (4) (f) of the Treaty.

14. Any Other Business.

This item provides delegations with an opportunity to address matters not falling under the agenda presented. Delegations are kindly requested to advise the President in advance of an intention to do so.

15:00 – 18:00

15. Consideration and adoption of the final report of the Eighth Conference of States Parties

The President will make a final presentation of the Final Report of the Eighth Conference of States Parties. The Conference will thereafter consider the Final Report of the Conference for adoption.

16. Closure of the Eighth Conference of States Parties.

Before closing the Eighth Conference of States Parties, the President will deliver final remarks and invite the President elect of CSP9 to address the plenary. CSP8 will then be closed.
