ATT ARMS TRADE TREATY

ANNEX B TO WGTR CO-CHAIRS' REPORT TO CSP6
PROPOSED MANDATE FOR THE WGTR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2020-AUGUST 2021

In accordance with its Terms of Reference and Rule 42(2) of the ATT Rules of Procedure, the Working Group would like to propose for consideration by CSP6, the following tasks for further work in the period between CSP6 and CSP7:

1. The WGTR shall continue to conduct exchanges concerning the fulfilment of the reporting obligations in article 13 of the ATT and the broader issue of transparency in the international trade in conventional arms. In its meetings, the WGTR shall, as a minimum, deal with the following standing agenda items and the recurrent and specific tasks outlined below[1]:
    1) State of play of compliance with reporting obligations;
    2) Challenges concerning reporting;
    3) Substantive reporting and transparency issues;
    4) Organizational means for information exchange;
    5) IT platform: reporting and transparency functionalities; and
    6) WGTR mandate in the period between CSP7 and CSP8.

2. With regard to the **state of play of compliance with reporting obligations**, at every meeting the WGTR will review the status of reporting, thereby focusing on the progress that has been made in comparison to the previous status updates.

3. With regard to **challenges concerning reporting**, the WGTR will as a minimum:
    1) encourage participants of States Parties that are in non-compliance with their ATT reporting obligations to share their challenges to submitting timely and accurate initial and annual reports;
    2) monitor the implementation of the project of voluntary practical bilateral and regional assistance with reporting (peer-to-peer);
    3) give participants the opportunity to propose and discuss other means to support States Parties in addressing their reporting challenges;
    4) encourage participants to report on initiatives taken to implement the document entitled "Outreach strategy on reporting", adopted at CSP4; and
    5) give participants the opportunity to discuss submitted proposals for alterations or additional questions and answers for the 'FAQ'-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligation, adopted at CSP3.

4. With regard to **substantive reporting and transparency issues**, the WGTR will as a minimum:
    1) give participants the opportunity to raise and discuss substantive issues about the reporting obligations that could benefit from consideration by the WGTR;
    2) monitor and coordinate further work on the project to facilitate the identification of the conventional arms in Article 2 (1) of the Treaty in the "Harmonized System" (HS) of the World Customs Organisation (WCO);
    3) *discuss the issue of public availability of annual and initial reports; and*
    4) *discuss the issue of aggregation of data in annual reports.*

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[1] Specific tasks are those that are specifically included in the mandate of the WGTR for discussion between CSP6 and CSP7, while recurrent tasks are those that have been systematically included in all or most of the previous mandates of the WGTR.

5. With regard to **organizational means for information exchange**, the WGTR will as a minimum:
   1)   give participants the opportunity to propose and discuss structured mechanisms, processes or formats facilitating the information exchanges that are required or encouraged by the Treaty, both on the policy level, as well as on the operational level;
   2)   monitor the implementation of the three-tier approach to sharing information on diversion, adopted at CSP4.

6. With regard to the **reporting and transparency functionalities of the IT platform**, the WGTR will as a minimum:
   1)   give participants the opportunity to flag any problems or inconveniences concerning the IT platform;
   2)   give participants the opportunity to propose and discuss improvements to the IT platform to enhance transparency and facilitate the implementation of the reporting and information exchange obligations of the Treaty, including proposals to harness information from the initial and annual reports in a manner that allows follow-up on these reports;
   3)   monitor and assess the use of the online reporting functionality and the information exchange platform on the ATT website; and
   4)   discuss the requirements for the development of a functionality that makes the information in annual reports available in a searchable database that allows for queries and extracting data.

7. With regard to the **WGTR mandate in the period between CSP7 and CSP8**, the WGTR will review the relevance of the aforementioned standing agenda items and recurrent tasks in the light of the state of play of ATT transparency and reporting, with a view to preparing a proposal for consideration by CSP7.

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