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States Parties must promote the Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund as the primary international assistance mechanism in implementing the ATT. The ATT VTF has contributed to international assistance as it allows states to design the projects based on their needs, projecting within their timeframes from when their applications are submitted up to the intended implementation period requested. This allows for more national ownership and sustainable implementation of national and subregional strategies.

NISEA believes that implementation of the Treaty should be associated with the goal of ending arms transfers that contribute to human suffering and genocide – and the most effective way of providing international assistance is to allow those who need it to fully decide on how assistance should be done.

States Parties must promote the role of having civil society Implementing Partners in the region, who have shown dedication in furthering genuine international assistance. CSO efforts directly linked to national and regional efforts are crucial in the full implementation of the treaty in various contexts because of their knowledge, experience and technical expertise, and having direct links to the needs of vulnerable communities.

Lastly, States Parties in a position to do so, should be encouraged to financially contribute to the ATT VTF, and to participate in its strategic planning.