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Arms Trade Treaty

**Eleventh Conference of States Parties**

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## REPORT ON THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2024/2025

### 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 Tenth Conference of States Parties (CSP10) up to the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11).
3. The first part of the report provides an overview of the background to the ATT Sponsorship Programme. The second part presents an update on the financial status of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, as at 25 July 2025. The third part offers an overview of the sponsorship applications received and approved by the ATT Sponsorship Programme.

### BACKGROUND

4. The Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) decided to entrust the ATT Secretariat with the administration of the ATT Sponsorship Programme starting 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).c

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 for the selection of applicants and financial protocols governing the use of funds. CSP5 considered and adopted the Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme.

**STATUS OF SPONSORSHIP FUNDING**

6. The ATT Secretariat opened a bank account dedicated to the ATT Sponsorship Programme in October 2018 and issued annual calls for contributions to the ATT Sponsorship Programme from 18 October 2018 - 01 November 2024 in an effort to raise funds for the Sponsorship Programme.

7. As at 25 July 2025, the ATT Secretariat had received voluntary contributions from ten (10) donor states, namely Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland. To date, a total of **USD 1'536'643.21** in sponsorship funds has been received into the sponsorship fund (see Annex A).

8. The ATT Sponsorship Programme sponsored 14 delegates to attend the ATT Working Group meetings held from 25 – 28 February 2025. The total cost of sponsoring the 14 sponsored was USD 51'848.00.<sup>1</sup> The average cost of sponsoring each delegate was USD 3'703.00.

9. The ATT Sponsorship programme was not implemented for the CSP11 informal preparatory meeting in May 2025 considering that this meeting was held in-person with a hybrid option enabling delegates to participate remotely.

10. As at 25 July 2025, the ATT Sponsorship Programme had approved 20 delegates to attend CSP11, taking place from 25 – 29 August 2025. The total cost of sponsoring the 20 delegates to attend CSP11 will not be known until after the Conference; however, it is estimated that it will be approximately USD 74'060.00<sup>1</sup>.

**SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE CSP11 CYCLE**

11. The ATT Secretariat issued its first call for applications to the Sponsorship Programme for the ATT Working Group meetings on 06 December 2024. The call was issued to States, who were invited to apply for the ATT Working Group meetings taking place in February 2025 by 03 January 2025. The ATT Secretariat issued its second and final call for applications to the sponsorship programme on 28 May 2025, with a deadline of 27 June 2025.

12. As part of the application process, States were asked to nominate only one delegate for sponsorship and were required to submit a completed application form, a *note verbale* confirming the nomination, and a copy of the passport of the nominated delegate.

13. By the deadline of the first call for applications, the ATT Secretariat had received a total of 31 applications to attend the ATT Working Group meetings (taking place from 25 – 28 February 2025). Subsequently, three applicants withdrew their applications. The ATT Secretariat also received 53 applications to attend CSP11 (taking place from 25 –29 August 2025).

14. The same process for selecting applicants for sponsorship was applied in each round. The selection process involved the following steps: first, the ATT Secretariat prepared a shortlist of eligible applicants. Second, the ATT Secretariat submitted the shortlist of eligible applicants to the donors for review and consideration in order to ensure the list of delegates was consistent with donors' conditionalities. The ATT Secretariat then communicated the outcomes of the selection process to all applicants and began logistical preparations for their attendance at the respective meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding administration costs.

## SUPPORT TO SPONSORED DELEGATES

15. In addition to arranging flights, accommodation and *per diems*, as contemplated in the financial protocols associated with the Administrative Guidelines, the ATT Secretariat also held a half-day briefing for sponsored delegates on 24 February 2025, the day before the ATT Working Group meetings. The briefing offered an opportunity for delegates to meet and greet in advance of the meetings; provided an overview of the Sponsorship Programme and delegates' entitlements; presented the Treaty and the work ahead for the upcoming meeting; explained the Voluntary Trust Fund and its application process; facilitated meetings with the President of the Conference and other ATT office holders; and ensured delegates received their full *per diems* at the beginning of the week.

## OVERVIEW OF SPONSORED DELEGATES

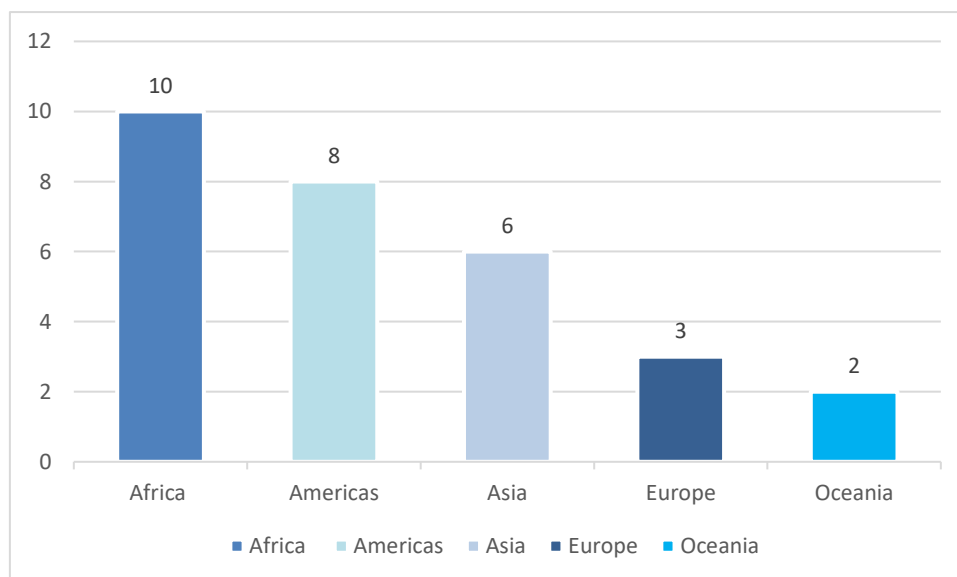
16. The criteria applied in the selection of applicants for sponsorship included consideration of OECD-DAC status; equitable regional representation; gender equality; ATT status; and the applicant's expertise and role, including whether the applicant State is a member or officeholder of any committee or subsidiary body. An analysis of these considerations is provided below, along with an overview comparing the number of applicants within each category compared to the number of sponsored delegates within each category is provided in Annex C.

### OECD-DAC analysis

17. Most of the States that received sponsorship to attend meetings during the CSP11 cycle appear on the DAC List of ODA Recipients for 2024-2025. Nine (9) of the 29 States that received sponsorship) are LDCs (31%); three (3) are LMIC&T (10%); fifteen (15) are UMIC&T (52%); and the remaining two (2) are not on the DAC list (7%).

### Regional overview

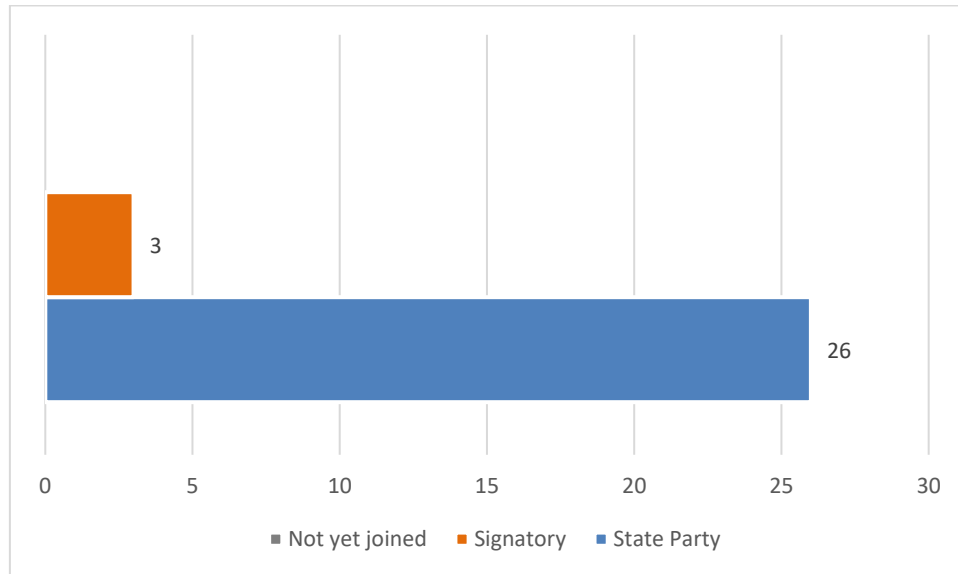
Chart 1. States that Received Sponsorship: by Region



18. Chart 1 provides an overview of all delegates that were sponsored to attend meetings during the CSP11 cycle according to region. **A total of 34 delegates from 29 States<sup>2</sup> received sponsorship from the ATT Sponsorship Programme in the CSP11 cycle.** As illustrated by Chart 1, ten (10) (34%) of those States are from Africa; eight (8) (28%) are from the Americas; six (6) (21%) are from Asia; three (3) (10%) are from Europe; and two (2) (7%) are from Oceania.

### ***ATT status***

Chart 2. States that Received Sponsorship: by ATT Status



19. Chart 2 shows that of the 29 States that received sponsorship to attend meetings during the CSP11 cycle, twenty-six (26) are ATT States Parties (90%) and three (3) are Signatories (10%).

### ***Gender considerations***

20. Of the 34 representatives that received sponsorship during the CSP11 cycle, 18 are men (53%) and 16 are women (47%).

### ***Role of applicant***

21. One of the delegates sponsored to attend the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11) – Dr. Adam Adamu Alhassan BONAA – will be the Chairperson of the Diversion Exchange Forum (DIEF) during the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11).

## **CONCLUSION**

22. In summary, since the ATT Secretariat began administering the ATT Sponsorship Programme in September 2018, the Programme has received a total of **USD 1'536'643.21** in voluntary

<sup>2</sup> Some States were sponsored to attend more than one meeting in the CSP11 cycle.

contributions. Of this among, USD 200'786 was used for the CSP5 cycle, USD 73'884 for the CSP6 cycle, USD 11'846 for the CSP7 cycle, USD 306'034 for the CSP8 cycle, USD 393'751 for the CSP9 cycle, USD 311'115 for the CSP10 cycle and an estimated amount of USD 134'408.00<sup>3</sup> will be used to support delegates in the CSP11 cycle, subject to financial reconciliation after the Conference. The ATT Secretariat plans to allocate the remaining funds to the Sponsorship Programme for the CSP12 cycle.

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<sup>3</sup> This figure includes administration costs and subject to final reconciliation after CSP11.

**ANNEX A. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FUNDS RECEIVED<sup>4</sup>**

<b>Contributions to ATT Sponsorship Programme</b>			
1	Australia	USD	66'738.19
2	Canada	USD	229'755.37
3	Germany	USD	455'012.65
4	Ireland	USD	28'442.00
5	Netherlands	USD	170'455.00
6	Philippines	USD	10'000.00
7	Portugal	USD	44'969.68
8	Republic of Korea	USD	160'000.00
9	Sweden	USD	39'145.66
10	Switzerland	USD	332'124.06
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>1'536'643.21</b>

<sup>4</sup> 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

<b>SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Contributions received in 2019	USD	320'563.60
Contributions received in 2020	USD	459'708.57
Contributions received in 2021	USD	144'619.75
Contributions received in 2022	USD	192'636.38
Contributions received in 2023	USD	216'965.66
Contributions received in 2024	USD	98'621.60
Contributions received in 2025	USD	103'527.65
Other income	USD	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>1'536'643.21</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Total Expenditure CSP5 Cycle (2019)	USD	200'786.00
Total Expenditure CSP6 Cycle (2020)	USD	73'884.00
Total Expenditure CSP7 Cycle (2021)	USD	11'846.00
Total Expenditure CSP8 Cycle (2022)	USD	306'034.00
Total Expenditure CSP9 Cycle (2023)	USD	393'751.00
Total Expenditure CSP10 Cycle (2024)	USD	311'115.00
Estimated Expenditure CSP11 Cycle (2025)	USD	134'408.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>1'431'824.00</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (Available Funds)</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>104'819.21</b>

## ANNEX C. ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – COMPARISON OF APPLICANTS AND SPONSORED DELEGATES AGAINST THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Meeting →		Working Group meetings		CSP11		TOTAL	
Selection Criteria ↓		Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates
DAC Status	LDC	13	4	23	6	36	10
	Other Low Income Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lower Middle Income	4	1	9	3	13	4
	Upper Middle Income	9	7	16	9	25	16
	Not on DAC list	2	2	5	2	7	4
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>34</u>
Region	Africa	17	4	26	7	43	11
	Americas	3	3	14	6	17	9
	Asia	6	5	8	4	14	9
	Europe	2	2	2	1	4	3
	Oceania	0	0	3	2	3	2
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>34</u>
ATT Status	State Party	23	13	44	18	67	31
	Signatory	4	1	6	2	10	3
	Not yet joined	1	0	3	0	4	0
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>34</u>
Gender	Male	18	7	40	11	58	18
	Female	10	7	13	9	23	16
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>34</u>