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Draft Annotated Provisional Programme of Work

The First Conference of States Parties (CSP1) to the Arms Trade Treaty will follow a rolling agenda, meaning that once a session has concluded, the President can immediately continue with the next item on the Agenda. All time indications are therefore provisional and delegations should be prepared for adjustments as required.

Monday 24 August

09:30-13:00

High Level Segment

H.E. José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, will open the High Level Segment of the First Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty. During this session, States Parties, signatory States and other observer States are invited to deliver statements of a general nature. International and regional intergovernmental organizations, representatives from civil society (including NGOs and industry) are also welcome to deliver statements.

Due to the large number of participating delegations and time available for this session, delegations are requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes. Delegations headed by Ministers will be exceptionally provided with additional time and should limit their interventions to 5 minutes.

15:00-18:00

High Level Segment (continued)

The session will conclude once the last speaker on the speakers list has delivered his/her statement.

18:30-20:00

Reception hosted by the Government of Mexico

The reception will be held in an informal setting at the venue.

Tuesday 25 August

09:00-13:00

Opening of the Conference

The works of the First CSP will be declared formally open by a representative of the Government of Mexico.

Election of the President

The Conference will proceed with the election of the President of the CSP1 by acclamation. The President of the CSP1 will deliver opening remarks outlining the process to date and his expectations for the Conference.

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The President will submit to the Conference, for consideration and adoption, the draft agenda as contained in document ATT/CSP1/2015/1. The President thereafter will present the programme of work as found in ATT/CSP1/2015/2, hereinafter referred to as the Programme of Work.

Adoption of the rules of procedure

Pursuant to Article 17.2 of the ATT, the Conference of States Parties shall adopt, by consensus, its rules of procedure at its first session. The President will submit to the Conference, for consideration and adoption, the draft Rules of Procedure submitted by the facilitator (Mexico).

The current draft for Rules of Procedure is found in document ATT/CSP1/2015/WP.1.The final draft will be submitted by the facilitator following informal consultations to be held on the first day of CSP1¹.

Election of officers other than the President and other procedural issues

According to the current draft Rules of Procedure (section IV, Rule 9.1-2), the Conference shall elect four vice-Presidents for the following session of the Conference.

Taking into account that this is the first Conference of States Parties, a provisional measure would require that four vice-Presidents be elected to serve until the end of the CSP1. At such a time, an election will be undertaken to elect the President and four vice-Presidents for the following session.

Pursuant to the current draft Rules of Procedure (section V, Rule 10), and as a provisional measure of the first Conference of States Parties, the Conference shall designate the current Provisional Secretariat as the Secretary of the Conference to act in such capacity during the CSP1.

The Secretary of the Conference will present the report of the Provisional Secretariat on its activities in preparation of the CSP1.

¹ The draft annotated programme of work will assume adoption of the Rules of Procedure to enable the preparation of the programme in advance of the CSP. This is with no prejudice against the actual outcome.

15:00-18:00

Reports by the facilitators on financial matters, matters related to the Secretariat, and national reporting

The President will invite the facilitators on financial matters (Australia and Ghana) to provide an update on the status of consultations on all issues pertaining to the facilitation and to introduce documents ATT/CSP1/2015/WP.3 and ATT/CSP1/2015/INF.2.

The facilitator on matters related to the Secretariat (France) will be invited by the President to provide an update on the status of consultations on all issues pertaining to the Secretariat and to introduce documents ATT/CSP1/2015/WP.2, ATT/CSP1/2015/WP.5 and ATT/CSP1/2015/INF.1.

The President will then invite the facilitators on National Reporting (Sweden) to provide an update on the status of consultations on all issues pertaining to the facilitation and to introduce document ATT/CSP1/2015/WP.4.

Following these reports, the President of the Conference may note that proposals by the facilitators are ready for a decision by the Conference, request facilitators to continue consultations on specific issues or propose another course of action.

Informal consultations will be held in parallel to discuss outstanding issues on matters related to the Secretariat and financial issues. The Plenary may continue as necessary or otherwise be adjourned.

Wednesday 26 August

09:00-13:00

Financial matters, matters related to the Secretariat, and national reporting

The President will request an update on the progress made during the informal consultations. Depending on the reports, the President of the Conference may note that proposals by the facilitators are ready for a decision by the Conference, request facilitators to continue consultations on specific issues or propose another course of action.

Informal consultations will be held in parallel to discuss outstanding issues on matters related to the Secretariat and financial issues. The Plenary may continue as necessary or otherwise be adjourned.

15:00-18:00

Other matters related to Article 17 of the Treaty

Pursuant to Article 17.4 (a-d) of the Treaty, the Conference shall:

- Review the implementation of this Treaty, including developments in the field of conventional arms;
- Consider and adopt recommendations regarding the implementation and operation of this Treaty, in particular the promotion of its universality;
- Consider amendments to this Treaty in accordance with Article 20; and
- Consider issues arising from the interpretation of this Treaty.

Taking into account that this is the first CSP, no amendments to the Treaty are foreseen and other matters under this agenda item may not be ready for action by the Conference. Therefore, this agenda item is expected to be brief and could be addressed on a procedural basis giving States an opportunity to return to these items at a later stage or session.

Financial matters, matters related to the Secretariat, and national reporting

Depending on the reports, the President of the Conference may note that proposals by the facilitators are ready for a decision by the Conference, request facilitators to continue consultations on specific issues or propose another course of action.

Informal consultations will be held in parallel to discuss outstanding issues on matters related to the Secretariat and financial issues. The Plenary may continue as necessary or otherwise be adjourned.

Final reports by facilitators shall be presented to the Plenary before concluding the session.

Thursday 27 August

09:00-13:00

Programme of Work up to the next Conference

The Conference shall consider the Programme of Work up to the next ordinary session, which may include:

- Plans for the further establishment of the Secretariat.
- Budgetary issues, including initiation of the assessment of States parties enabling contributions for the CSP and any subsidiary bodies it may establish, and for the Secretariat.
- Matters under Article 17.4 (a-d) over the intersessional period up to the next ordinary session.

Matters pertaining to the preparation for the next Conference

Pursuant to Article 17.4 (e), the Conference shall consider a budget for the financial period up to the next ordinary session. A budget will be prepared by the Provisional Secretariat for consideration of States Parties including the cost estimates for the CSP2.

Pursuant to current draft of the Rules of Procedure (section IV, Rule 9.1), the Conference shall elect a President and four vice-Presidents for the following session of the Conference among the representatives of participating States Parties.

Pursuant to the current draft of the Rules of Procedure (section IV, Rule 11.1-2), the Conference shall decide on the date and duration, as well as the venue, of the next ordinary session.

Any other business

This is an open agenda item that provides an opportunity for delegations to raise any other matters that do not fall under the other foreseen agenda items. It would be preferable for any delegation wishing to take the floor submit a request to the designated Chair in advance, asking for the floor and indicating the topic to be discussed.

15:00-18:00

Adoption of the report of the Conference

The President will make a final presentation of the outcome document of the First Conference of States Parties. The President may submit, for the consideration of the Conference, a set of decisions to be adopted. This is an opportunity for those delegations wishing to deliver any final remarks relating to the outcome documents to do so.

The Conference will thereafter consider the Final Report of the Conference for adoption.

Before closing the First Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, the President will deliver final remarks and invite the President of the following session of the CSP to address the plenary. The first ordinary session of the CSP will then be closed.