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Arms Trade Treaty

**Seventh Conference of States Parties**

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## **REPORT ON THE ATT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2020/2021**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Management Committee is established as a subsidiary body under Article 17(4) of the Arms Trade Treaty as well as Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, to provide oversight on financial matters as well as other matters related to the ATT Secretariat with the aim of ensuring maximum accountability, efficiency and transparency.

2. This report is submitted by the ATT Management Committee in accordance with its reporting obligations to the Conference of States Parties contemplated in Rule 42(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Arms Trade Treaty and Section 12 of its own Terms of Reference.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

3. The Management Committee is chaired by the President of the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7), Ambassador Lansana GBERIE, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and is composed of five States Party representatives designated by the United Nations regional groups and appointed by the Fifth Conference of States Parties (CSP5). The current Management Committee members are: *Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, Japan and South Africa*.

4. Section 3 of the Management Committee's Terms of Reference provides that, with the exception of the President of the Conference of States Parties and the representative of the ATT Secretariat, members of the Committee shall serve for a period of two years and are eligible to serve a further term.

5. The term of the current Management Committee finishes at the end of the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7) and a new Management Committee should be appointed by CSP7 for a term of two years, starting immediately after the CSP7 and ending at the Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9).

### **MANDATE**

6. The mandate of the Management Committee is to provide oversight on financial matters as well as other matters related to the ATT Secretariat with the aim of ensuring maximum accountability, efficiency and transparency. The Management Committee's mandate is elaborated in its Terms of Reference, referenced ATT/CSP1/CONF/4.

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**METHOD OF WORK**

7. In performing its work, the Management Committee relies on the provisions of the Treaty, its Terms of Reference, the Directive of States Parties to the ATT Secretariat and decisions taken by Conferences of States Parties related to its mandate.

8. The Management Committee conducts its work, its meetings and takes decisions in accordance with the provisions of the ATT Rules of Procedures with particular reference to Rules 42 and 43.

9. The Management Committee conducts its work through formal meetings as well as exchange of documents through emails. Summaries of the Management Committee's meetings are published on the restricted part of the ATT website for access by States Parties throughout the year.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES AND ACTIVITIES**

10. In the reporting period, the Management Committee held two (2) formal meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, the Management Committee participated in joint meetings with the Bureau and other ATT office holders regarding the format of the CSP7 informal preparatory meetings and CSP7 itself, in response to the COVID-19 restrictions.

11. In executing its mandate and decisions of States Parties taken via silence procedure on 01 March 2021, the Management Committee undertook the following activities:

- a. Developed its programme of work for the year, which included the specific task assigned to the Management Committee by States Parties.
- b. Provided oversight over the process for the issuance of invoices in October 2020 to States for financial contributions to the ATT 2021 budget as adopted by CSP6.
- c. Provided oversight on the process for the notification of States of their outstanding assessed financial contributions in March 2021.
- d. Further elaborated the draft guidelines on the issue of "arrangements with the Secretariat in relation to the discharge of its financial obligations" (reference Financial Rule 8.1.d) for consideration at CSP7.
- e. Pursuant to Rule 4 (1) of the ATT Financial Rules and Section 10 of its own Terms of Reference, the Management Committee reviewed the 2022 budget estimates for the ATT Secretariat and CSP8 prior to their submission to States Parties by the ATT Secretariat.
- f. Prepared its report to CSP7 outlining activities undertaken by the Management Committee in the period between CSP6 and CSP7.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

12. In undertaking its responsibilities during the period under review, the Management Committee did not incur any financial expenditure to be carried by the ATT budget.

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