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## **REPORT ON THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2021/2022**

### **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 Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7) up to the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8).
3. The first part of the report provides an overview of the background to the ATT Sponsorship Programme. The second part of the report provides an update on the financial status of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, as at 11 July 2022. The third part of the report provides 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 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).

5. In accordance with this directive, the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee elaborated the *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 to be applied to 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 calls for contributions to the ATT Sponsorship Programme on 18 October 2018, 27 September 2019, 12 November 2020, and 24 November 2021 in an effort to raise funds for the Sponsorship Programme.

7. As at 11 July 2022, the ATT Secretariat had received voluntary contributions from nine (9) donor states namely Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland. To date, a total of **USD 1,066,554** in sponsorship funds has been received into the sponsorship fund (see Annex A).

8. The ATT Sponsorship Programme sponsored 16 delegates to attend the first series of Working Group meetings and the First CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting held from 15 – 18 February 2022. The total cost of sponsoring the 16 sponsored delegates to attend the February meetings was USD 59,785.20. The average cost of sponsoring each delegate was USD 3,736.57.

9. The ATT Sponsorship Programme sponsored 19 delegates to attend the second series of Working Group meetings and the Second CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting held from 26 – 29 April 2022. The total cost of sponsoring the 19 sponsored delegates to attend the April meetings was USD 71,109.70. The average cost of sponsoring each delegate was USD 3,742.61.

10. As at 11 July 2022, the ATT Sponsorship Programme had approved 35 delegates to attend CSP8 taking place from 22 – 26 August 2022. The total cost of sponsoring the 35 delegates to attend CSP8 will not be known until after the Conference, however, it is estimated to be USD 131,000.

## SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE CSP8 CYCLE

11. The ATT Secretariat issued its first call for applications to the sponsorship programme for the CSP8 cycle on 26 November 2021. The call for applications was issued to States, who were invited to apply for any and all of the meetings taking place in the CSP8 cycle by 23 December 2021. The ATT Secretariat issued its second call for applications to the sponsorship programme on 01 March 2022 with a deadline of 14 March 2022. The ATT Secretariat issued its third and final call for applications to the sponsorship programme on 31 May 2022 with a deadline of 17 June 2022.

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

13. By the deadline for each of the CSP8 cycle meetings, the ATT Secretariat received a total of 16 applications to attend the first series of meetings (taking place from 15 – 18 February 2022); 27 applications to attend the second series of meetings (taking place from 26 – 29 April 2022); and 38 applications to attend CSP8 (taking place from 22 –26 August 2022).

14. The same process for selecting applicants for approval for sponsorship was applied for each round. The selection process involved the following steps: first, the ATT Secretariat prepared a shortlist of applicants who were *eligible* to receive sponsorship. Second, the ATT Secretariat submitted the shortlist of applicants eligible for sponsorship to donors to the ATT sponsorship programme for review and consideration to ensure the list of delegates to be sponsored was consistent with donors' conditionalities. Third, subject to input from donors, the ATT Secretariat decided on the applicants to be sponsored for each ATT meeting. The ATT Secretariat then communicated the outcomes of the

selection process to all applicants and commenced logistical preparations for their attendance at the respective meetings.

#### **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 briefing for sponsored delegates for half a day on the day before the First CSP8 Preparatory Meeting (14 February 2022) and the Second CSP8 Preparatory Meeting (25 April 2022). The briefing provided an opportunity to meet and greet the sponsored delegates in advance of the meetings; gave an overview of the sponsorship programme and what delegates' entitlements are under the programme; gave the sponsored delegates an overview of the Treaty and the work ahead for the approaching meeting; provided them with an overview of the Voluntary Trust Fund and its application process; gave the sponsored delegates an opportunity to participate in the briefing for National Points of Contact; allowed the delegates to meet with the President of the Conference; and ensured delegates received their full *per diems* at the beginning of the week as well as a package of all documents pertaining to the approaching meeting.

#### **OVERVIEW OF SPONSORED DELEGATES**

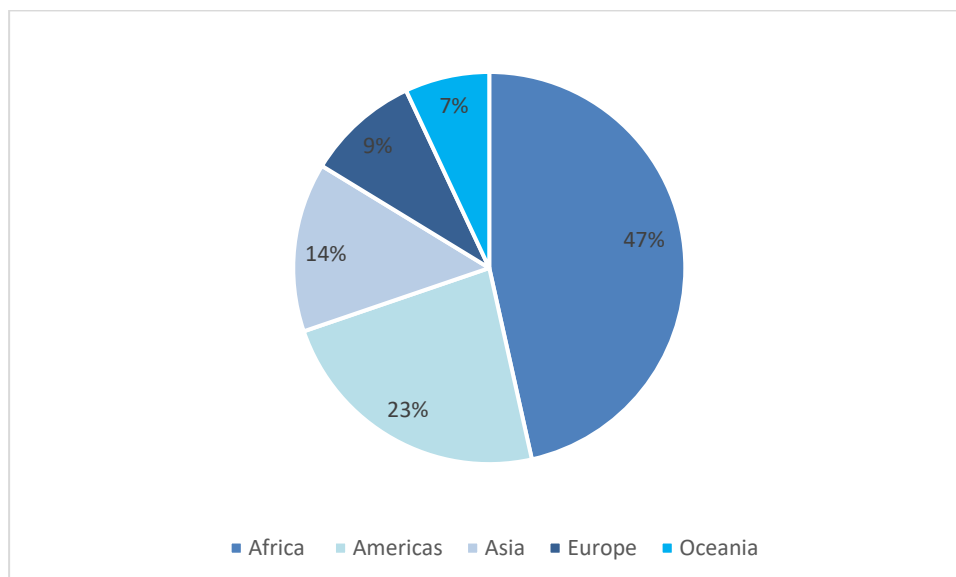
16. The criteria applied to the selection of applicants for sponsorship included consideration of OECD-DAC status; equitable regional representation; gender equality considerations; ATT status; and expertise and role of applicant, including whether the applicant State is a member or office-holder of any committee or subsidiary body. An analysis of these considerations is provided below and 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 CSP8 cycle appear on the DAC List of ODA Recipients for 2022-2023. Fifteen (15) of the 43 States that received sponsorship are LDCs (35%); 8 are LMIC&T (18%); 15 are UMIC&T (35%); and the remaining five (5) are not on the DAC list (12%).

**Regional overview**

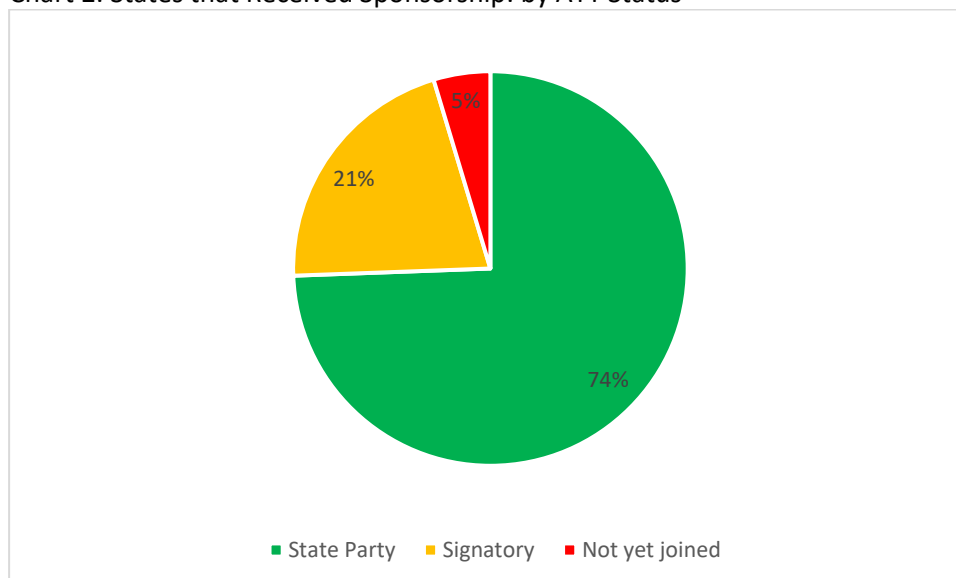
Chart 1. States that Received Sponsorship: by Region



18. Chart 1 provides an overview of all delegates that were sponsored to attend meetings during the CSP8 cycle according to region. **A total of 70 delegates from 43 States<sup>1</sup> received sponsorship from the ATT Sponsorship Programme in the CSP8 cycle.** As illustrated by Chart 1, 20 of those States are from Africa (47%); 10 are from the Americas (23%); six (6) are from Asia (14%); four (4) are from Europe (9%); and three (3) are from Oceania (7%).

**ATT status**

Chart 2. States that Received Sponsorship: by ATT Status



<sup>1</sup> Some States were sponsored to attend more than one meeting in the CSP8 cycle.

19. Chart 2 illustrates that of the 43 States that received sponsorship funding to attend meetings during the CSP8 cycle, 32 are States Parties to the ATT (74%); nine (9) are Signatories (21%) and only two (2) has not yet joined the Treaty (5%).

***Gender considerations***

20. Of the 70 delegates that received sponsorship during the CSP8 cycle, 49 are men (70%) and 21 are women (30%).

***Role of applicant***

21. Two of the delegates sponsored to attend CSP8 meetings – Ms. Stella PETROVIC of Serbia and Mr. Rob WENSLEY of South Africa – were facilitators of Sub-Working Groups of the Working Group on Effective Implementation.

**CONCLUSION**

22. In summary, since the ATT Secretariat began administering the ATT Sponsorship Programme in September 2018, the ATT Sponsorship Programme received a total of **USD 1,066,554** in voluntary contributions. A total of USD 200,786 was used for the CSP5 cycle, USD 71,992 was used for the CSP6 cycle, and an estimated amount of USD 261,894.90<sup>2</sup> will be used to support 70 delegates in the CSP8 cycle of meetings. The ATT Secretariat is planning to use the remaining funds towards the ATT Sponsorship Programme for the CSP9 cycle, and will consult with those donors that earmarked their contributions for the CSP8 cycle with a view to rolling-over those contributions to the CSP9 cycle.

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<sup>2</sup> Subject to financial reconciliation after CSP8

**ANNEX A. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FUNDS RECEIVED<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Contributions to ATT Sponsorship Programme</b>			
1	Australia	USD	35,596.19
2	Canada	USD	65,000.00
3	Germany	USD	349,484.85
4	Ireland	USD	28,442.00
5	Netherlands	USD	170,455.00
6	Portugal	USD	34,928.34
7	Republic of Korea	USD	110,000.00
8	Sweden	USD	39,145.66
9	Switzerland	USD	233,502.46
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>1,066,554.50</b>

<sup>3</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

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
<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	141,662.58
Other income	USD	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>1,066,554.50</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
Estimated Expenditure CSP8 Cycle (2022)	USD	261,894.90 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>548,410.90</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (Available Funds)</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>518,143.60</b>

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<sup>4</sup> Excluding administration costs.

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

Meeting →		February Meetings		April Meetings		CSP8		TOTAL	
Selection Criteria ↓		Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates
DAC Status	LDC	5	5	10	7	15	15	30	27
	Other Low-Income Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lower Middle Income	5	5	6	5	7	5	18	15
	Upper Middle Income	5	5	9	6	12	11	26	22
	Not on DAC list	1	1	2	1	4	4	7	6
Region	Africa	9	9	15	12	19	17	43	38
	Americas	2	2	5	3	9	9	16	14
	Asia	3	3	5	3	4	4	12	10
	Europe	2	2	2	1	2	2	6	5
	Oceania	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	3
ATT Status	State Party	12	12	21	14	29	26	62	52
	Signatory	3	3	4	3	7	7	14	13
	Not yet joined	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5
Gender	Male	12	12	18	13	27	24	57	49
	Female	4	4	9	6	11	11	24	21