

The Arms Trade Treaty
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To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Signatory States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Observer States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of International and Regional Organizations.
: Representatives of Civil Society, NGOs and Industry.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

ANNOUNCEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CSP10: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOLDERS

1. In my capacity as the President of the Tenth Conference of States Parties (CSP10) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), I write to inform you of the schedule of meetings for the CSP10 informal preparatory process and the CSP itself, as well as the status of appointment of office holders to a number of ATT subsidiary bodies.

Schedule of ATT Meetings

2. In line with the relevant decision of the CSP9, we will prepare for CSP10 by organizing one (1) session of four days of ATT Working Groups meetings, and one (1) separate session of two days of Informal Preparatory meeting in the intersessional period before CSP10. Meetings of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) will be held to coincide with the ATT Working Groups meetings and the CSP itself in order to facilitate and maximize participation in the meetings.

3. The dates and venues of the Working Groups and Informal Preparatory meetings, as well as CSP10, are as follows:

#	Meeting	Dates	Venue
1.	ATT Working Groups meetings	20 – 23 February 2024	CICG, Geneva
2.	CSP10 Informal Preparatory Meeting	16 – 17 May 2024	CICG, Geneva
3.	Tenth Conference of States Parties to the ATT (CSP10)	19 – 23 August 2024	CICG, Geneva

The actual dates of the DIEF meeting(s) will be announced in due course.

4. The ATT Working Groups meetings and the CSP itself will be held *in-person with a livestreaming option* in Geneva (Switzerland). The CSP10 Informal Preparatory Meeting will be held *in-person with a hybrid option* in Geneva (Switzerland). Further information will be provided at a later stage.

ATT Office Holders

5. At this stage of the CSP10 cycle, the current status of appointment of Chairs and Facilitators of the various ATT subsidiary bodies is as follows:

- a. **Working Group on Treaty Universalization (WGTU)** will be chaired by Ambassador Răzvan RUSU of Romania and Ambassador Seong-mee YOON of the Republic of Korea.
- b. **Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR)** will be co-chaired by Mr. Akifumi FUKUOKA of Japan, with the other role of co-chair still vacant.
- c. **Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF)** will continue to be chaired by Col. Philippe LEJEUNE of France.
- d. **Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) Selection Committee.** During its first meeting in the CSP9 cycle, the VTF Selection Committee members selected Ambassador Aidan LIDDLE of the United Kingdom to serve as Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee from CSP8 to CSP10.

6. I need to inform you that despite our best efforts and extensive consultations, we have not yet been able to secure eligible States Parties able and willing to assume some of the available office holder positions. This concerns in particular the role of Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI), as well as the role of facilitators of two anticipated WGETI Sub-working Groups intended to carry forward the approach and working arrangements adopted by CSP9 with respect to the configuration and substance of the WGETI. These concern the Sub-working Group on Exchange of National Implementation Practices, which is intended to facilitate structured discussions regarding practical Treaty implementation, and the Sub-working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues, which is intended to create a platform for States Parties and other stakeholders to discuss in depth current and emerging issues regarding the implementation of the Treaty. Pursuant to a CSP9 decision, the Sub-working Group on Articles 6 & 7 (Prohibitions & Export and Export Assessment) will continue its work in accordance with its multi-year workplan.

7. The current status of appointments in the **Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI)** is as follows:

- a. The position of WGETI Chair is currently vacant, we are awaiting feedback from a State Party consulted.
- b. The position of facilitator of the Sub-working Group on Articles 6 & 7 (Prohibitions & Export and Export Assessment) is currently vacant, we are awaiting feedback from a State Party consulted.
- c. The position of facilitator the Sub-working Group on Exchange of National Implementation Practices is currently vacant.
- d. The position of facilitator of the Sub-working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues currently is currently vacant.

8. I would like to take this opportunity to thank fellow Chairs, Co-Chairs and Facilitators already appointed for undertaking to carry forward the important work of the ATT Working Groups, the DIEF, and the VTF Selection Committee. I am confident that meaningful progress will be made under their capable stewardship.

9. **Considering the crucial role of the ATT Working Groups in supporting effective Treaty implementation, I take this opportunity to invite eligible States Parties to nominate for the vacant positions mentioned above by presenting delegates with relevant expertise in good time and well in advance of the session of ATT Working Group meetings, taking place between 20 and 23 February 2024. In this regard, you are kindly requested to contact the office of the CSP10 President or the ATT Secretariat. I undertake to keep States Parties and other stakeholders updated concerning the status of appointment of ATT office holders.**

10. I look forward to working with you all in the weeks and months ahead towards a successful CSP10 and to sharing further details of my work plan and vision for the Conference as they unfold.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Ambassador Răzvan RUSU
President, Tenth Conference of States Parties to the ATT