

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 CSP8: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

1. In my capacity as the President of the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), I write to notify you of the schedule of meetings for the CSP8 informal preparatory process and the CSP itself.
2. Following existing practice, we will prepare for CSP8 by organizing two (2) informal preparatory meetings in the intersessional period before CSP8 and by holding the meetings of the Working Groups and the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) to coincide with the informal preparatory meetings in order to facilitate and maximize participation in the meetings.
3. The dates and venues of the Working Group and informal preparatory meetings, as well as CSP8, are as follows:

#	Meeting	Dates	Venue
1.	Working Group meetings and 1 st CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting	15 – 18 February 2022	CICG, Geneva
2.	Working Group meetings and 2 nd CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting	26 – 29 April 2022	CICG, Geneva
3.	Eighth Conference of States Parties to the ATT (CSP8)	22 – 26 August 2022	CICG, Geneva

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

4. At this stage in the planning, the intention is to hold the meetings *in-person* in Geneva, as indicated in the table. Please be advised, however, that the format of the meetings may be subject to change as the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. The situation will be reviewed early in the new year and confirmation of the venue and format of the first series of meetings scheduled for 15-18 February 2022 will be provided to all stakeholders by the end of January.

5. I look forward to working with you all in the weeks and months ahead towards a successful CSP8 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Göbel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL
President: Eighth Conference of States Parties to the ATT