

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,

**INVITATION TO THE ATT WORKING GROUPS AND FIRST CSP5 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS:  
29 JANUARY- 01 FEBRUARY 2019: WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) BUILDING,  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

1. The Fourth Conference States Parties (CSP4) to the Arms Trade Treaty held on 20 – 24 August 2018 established an informal preparatory process for the Fifth Conference of States Parties (CSP5). On 05 October 2018, the President supported by the Vice Presidents issued an announcement regarding the ATT office holders and the schedule of ATT meetings for the period leading up to CSP5.

2. I have the pleasure to invite to you to the meetings of the ATT Working Groups as well as the first CSP5 informal preparatory meeting, which will take place over the period 29 January - 01 February 2019. The order and duration of the meetings is reflected on the attached Annex. Documents for the meetings will be issued by the Chairs of the Working Groups, the Chair of the VTF Selection Committee, the CSP5 President and the Management Committee in advance of the meetings.

3. As alluded to in my announcement of the Chairs of the Working Groups, you are advised that the Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, Ambassador Sabrina DALLAFIOR of Switzerland, has appointed the following facilitators for three priority topics under this Working Group:

1. Article 5 (General Implementation) obligations: Mr. Leonard TETTEY of Ghana.
2. Articles 6 (Prohibitions) and 7 (Export and Export Assessment) obligations: Mr. Daniel NORD of Sweden.
3. Article 11 (Diversion) obligations: Ms. Charlene ROOPNARINE of Trinidad and Tobago.

4. It is brought to your attention that pre-registration will be required for these meetings. Accordingly, representatives are requested to register for these meetings by **23 January 2019** via email to: [registration@thearmstradetreaty.org](mailto:registration@thearmstradetreaty.org) with the subject heading 'Registration for WG Meetings and CSP5 First Preparatory Meeting'.

5. Latvia has selected gender and arms-related gender-based violence as the priority theme for its Presidency. In addition, operative paragraph 11 of the ATT Resolution A/C.1/73/L.8/Rev.1 of the UN First Committee "*Encourages States Parties and Signatory States to ensure the full and equal participation of women and men, in pursuing the object and purpose of the Treaty and its implementation*". In light of this, I encourage all delegations to strive for gender balance within delegations and to consider the inclusion of a Women, Peace and Security Advisor or a Gender Advisor in delegations, where possible.

6. To facilitate access to the WMO building, delegates are kindly requested to bring their UN badges or a piece of identification to present to security at the reception of the WMO building.

7. Delegates are encouraged to visit the ATT website ([here](#)) for information and documentation pertaining to the forthcoming meetings.

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

Yours faithfully,



**Ambassador Jānis KĀRKLIŅŠ**  
**President: Fifth Conference of States Parties to the ATT**

**SCHEDULE OF WG MEETINGS & 1st CSP5 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING: 29 January – 01 February 2019**

	Tuesday, 29 January	Wednesday, 30 January	Thursday, 31 January	Friday, 01 February	
10:00 – 13:00	WGETI	WGETI	WGTR	1 <sup>st</sup> CSP5 Informal Preparatory Meeting	10:00 – 13:00
13:00 – 15:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	13:00 – 15:00
15:00 – 18:00	WGETI	WGTU	WGTR	1 <sup>st</sup> CSP5 Informal Preparatory Meeting	15:00 – 18:00

WGETI - Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation

WGTR - Working Group on Transparency and Reporting

WGTU - Working Group on Treaty Universalization