

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 SECOND CSP5 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS: 02 – 05 APRIL 2019: CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CONFÉRENCES GENÈVE (CICG), 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 you to the meetings of the ATT Working Groups as well as the second CSP5 informal preparatory meeting, which will take place as follows:

- Date : 02 – 05 April 2019
- Venue : Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), Geneva

3. 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 CSP5 President and the Management Committee in advance of the meetings.

4. 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.

5. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

SCHEDULE OF WG MEETINGS & 2nd CSP5 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING: 02 – 05 APRIL 2019

	Tuesday, 02 April	Wednesday, 03 April	Thursday, 04 April	Friday, 05 April	
10:00 – 13:00	WGETI	WGETI	WGTR	2 nd 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	2 nd 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

The order of meetings is subject to change