

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,

SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE MULTI-YEAR WORKPLANS OF THE WGETI SUB-WORKING GROUPS ON ARTICLES 6&7, 9 AND 11

1. I refer to my letter to States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty dated 21 January 2021 announcing the outcomes of the consultations conducted by the vice-Presidents on my behalf with respect to the approach to resolving CSP6 draft decisions not approved (available on the ATT website at: [here](#)).

2. By way of additional background, you will recall that draft multi-year workplans for each of the WGETI Sub-working Groups were presented to States Parties through draft decisions 9-11 for consideration and adoption via silence procedure during the Sixth Conference of States Parties (CSP6) to the ATT, which was held in August 2020 via written procedure as a consequence of the pandemic. You will also recall that the draft workplans were not adopted by CSP6, and accordingly, the WGETI Sub-working Groups do not have multi-year workplans in place to guide their work.

3. In paragraphs 4 and 5 of my letter of 21 January 2021, I announced that I would conduct informal consultations on the CSP6 draft decisions 9 to 11 as well as the workplans themselves and that, in the absence of the possibility to conduct in-person informal consultations, States Parties, civil society and other stakeholders would be invited to submit written comments on the revised documents.

4. With the help of the ATT Secretariat, and based on the objections raised to CSP6 draft decisions 9-11, I have prepared a revised, consolidated version of the draft decision to adopt the draft workplans as well as revised versions of the workplans that were submitted to CSP6 for consideration and adoption.

5. Accordingly, enclosed herewith please find the following documents for your review and consideration:

- a. The draft multi-year workplan for the WGETI sub-working group on Articles 6&7;
- b. The draft multi-year workplan for the WGETI sub-working group on Article 9;
- c. The draft multi-year workplan for the WGETI sub-working group on Article 11; and
- d. The draft decision to adopt the WGETI workplans, to be put to States Parties for adoption via silence procedure after written comments on the revised documents have been received and incorporated.

6. All ATT stakeholders are invited to submit their comments on the attached documents, in writing, to the ATT Secretariat at info@thearmstradetreaty.org by **15 February 2021**.

7. The documents are publicly available on the ATT website ([here](#)) and all comments received in writing will also be made publicly available on the ATT website.

8. Once the date for written comments has passed, with the help of the ATT Secretariat, I will further revise the draft decision as well as the workplans themselves, in consultation with the WGETI Chair and Facilitators, to accommodate written comments received, as appropriate. I will then formally submit the re-revised documents to States Parties for adoption via silence procedure in the intersessional period.

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

Yours faithfully,



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President: Seventh Conference of States Parties to the ATT