

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: CONFIRMATION OF THE FORMAT OF THE SECOND SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES

1. I refer to my letter of 23 March 2022 to all ATT stakeholders regarding the format of the second series of meetings scheduled for 26-29 April 2022 and the process for agreeing on the proposed format of the meetings.
2. At my request, between 24 and 31 March 2022, the vice-Presidents held consultations with their regional groups on the draft options outlined in the letter to gauge their views and preferences. I then held a virtual meeting with all ATT Office Holders on 01 April 2022 to give the vice-Presidents an opportunity to share feedback from their consultations and discuss and agree the proposed format of the April meetings.
3. I write to inform you that there was unanimous support for the proposal contained in my letter of 23 March 2022. Accordingly, I am pleased to announce that the second series of CSP8 meetings taking place from 26-29 April 2022 will be in person with an option for those who cannot attend in person to participate remotely via the Zoom platform.
4. As I indicated in my letter of 23 March 2022, an in-person meeting with an option for remote participation would necessitate an adjustment of time to accommodate all regions to some extent. The preference expressed during the meeting with ATT Office Holders on 01 April 2022 was to adopt the same session times as CSP7 and the first series of CSP8 meetings held in February 2022. Accordingly, the meeting sessions will be held from 13:00 – 16:00 (Geneva local time).
5. The documents for the meetings, including session agendas, and the link to the virtual platform will be communicated to all ATT stakeholders in due course.
6. As our focus now turns towards the forthcoming meetings and the substantive work ahead, I wish you well in your preparations and look forward to engaging with you in person in the second series of CSP8 meetings in April.

7. 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', written in a cursive style.

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