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To All

Representatives of States Parties, Signatory States and Observer States and Private Sector Donors.

Dear Colleagues,

**COMMUNICATION 09: CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND**

1. The Second Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty decided on the establishment of the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) to operate under its approved set of Terms of Reference.
2. The VTF is funded exclusively through voluntary contributions. There have been regular calls for voluntary contributions to the VTF to support projects approved by the VTF Selection Committee, and thus far, the VTF has received a total of USD 9,2 million in voluntary contributions.
3. The funding received thus far has supported four VTF projects cycles in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. To date, the VTF has funded 55 projects involving 34 states, a number of which are indeed still in the process of implementation.
4. In my capacity as the Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those States that have contributed to the VTF so far for their generous contributions. I would also like to invite all States and private sector donors that are in a position to do so, to contribute to the VTF in order to maintain the momentum of the Fund and to ensure the long-term sustainability of this facility for international assistance.
5. To facilitate voluntary financial contributions to the VTF, I attach to this communication the following VTF administrative documents:
  - a. Call for Voluntary Contributions to the VTF.
  - b. VTF Administrative Rules.
  - c. VTF Standard Donor Agreement.
6. The VTF, and ATT implementation, will benefit greatly from any contributions addressees are in a position to provide.
7. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.



**Ambassador Dell HIGGIE**  
Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee