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Proposed mandate for the ATT Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) for the period September 2017 - August 2018

The Working Group on Transparency and Reporting was established by the Second Conference of States Parties of the ATT (CSP2) in September 2016. According to the adopted Terms of Reference of the Group, it shall “undertake tasks defined by the Conference of States Parties in the general area indicated by its title”. The Group would like to propose the following tasks for further work in the period between CSP3 and CSP4.

- The WGTR should conduct exchanges of lessons learned at the national level concerning the fulfilment of ATT reporting obligations, the quality and completeness of ATT reporting, and the organisation of reporting tasks. In this context the Group should seek to identify common areas of difficulty, and communicated these to the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) as suitable elements for inclusion in implementation assistance efforts.
- The WGTR should further explore the topic of structuring information exchange in the ATT with a view to providing recommendations to CSP4. In this context, the Group should also take into account WGETI consideration of priority topics for information exchange.
- The WGTR should continue to follow the development of the Treaty’s IT Platform in order to identify possibilities for enhancing transparency in line with Article 1 of the Treaty, and to contribute to the development of effective web-based support for mandatory ATT reporting while retaining the possibility to report in a national format.
- The WGTR should further study options for harnessing information gathered through mandatory reporting with a view to supporting Treaty implementation and universalization efforts. In this task the WGTR should be guided by the priorities identified in the Working Groups responsible for these two areas. Any recommendations to CSP4 should be accompanied by a clear indication of who should be responsible for the recommended compilation or analysis work, and an estimate of possible budgetary implications.