

**WG-Meetings und 2nd CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting 09.-12.05.23 in Genf**

<b>Di., 09.05.23</b>	<b>Mi., 10.05.23</b>	<b>Do., 11.05.23</b>	<b>Fr., 12.05.23</b>
WGETI Sub-working Group on Articles 6 & 7	WGETI Discussion on forthcoming topics and working methods	WGTR	2nd CSP9 Informal Preparatory Meeting
WGETI Sub-working Group on Article 9	WGTU	DIEF	2 <sup>nd</sup> CSP9 Informal Preparatory Meeting
WGETI Sub-working Group on Article 11			

**ATT Management Committee: Review of the Arms Trade Treaty Program of Work - Initial Draft Recommendations (Proposal)**

Madame President,

On behalf of the German delegation, I would like to thank you and the members of the ATT Management Committee for drafting the proposal on reviewing the ATT Program of Work.

We align ourselves with the statement by the EU and would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity:

After almost 10 years of the ATT entering into force, it has reached a level of maturity that requires us to prepare the ATT's program of work for the second decade. We believe that the initial draft recommendations proposed by the ATT Management Committee provide a valuable and substantive input for this important and timely discussion. Allow me to share with you a few ideas that Germany deems essential going forward:

**First**, we support the core principle that guides this proposal: the centrality of practical treaty implementation. This does not refer to the work of the Management Committee only, but is true for all areas of work within the Treaty and its bodies. We are convinced that such objective would be conducive to sharing of national experience, foster more cooperation and optimize the use of ATT internal support mechanisms. As we stated yesterday during our deliberations on the future work in the WGETI, it is essential to approach the challenges ahead in a holistic approach. Crosscutting issues or interlinked challenges need a re-alignment of the content of discussions and our way of working in the various bodies of the ATT. In doing so we shape the future for the next decade, putting the concrete operationalization of the ATT at

the very core of our work. Setting this objective and thematic focus should be our priority. The structure and format of discussions as well as the time allocated to them will be of secondary nature as form follows function – and not the other way around.

**Second**, we do share and strongly support the notion that this proposal is **not** motivated by financial considerations or to be characterized as a cost cutting exercise. We interpret it as an attempt to increase the effectiveness of our discussions, allocating sufficient time for our deliberations on all issues without the constraints of a prescriptive schedule. At the same time, we acknowledge the value of having the proposed flexibility of meetings in various formats. Ultimately, such approach promises meetings focused on specific issues, thus fostering a deeper exchange between all ATT stakeholders.

**Third**, the proposals tabled in the WGETI on re-configuration and the WGTU on enhancing universalization efforts in our view mark already valuable starting points for realignments that reinforce and take up some recommendations of the draft proposal by the Management Committee. We think that is only through a flexible approach to their concrete realization that we can deal with the upcoming challenges and make best use of the limited resources at our disposal. When looking at all the different processes that are now evolving, with their interconnections, and the link to other processes outside the ATT we will need to proceed with a fresh mind and new ideas.

**In conclusion**, Madame President, let me re-iterate that we fully support the proposal laid out by the ATT Management Committee as a basis for our further discussions. The review of the ATT program of work is an ongoing and challenging process that only started. It may take some time to refine and then realize all ideas presented during the past days, but we need to start, as it will be to the benefit of our Treaty.

Germany is willing to contribute in this endeavor in the years to come.

Thank you, Madame President.