

**INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME AND DRAFT PROPOSAL  
FOR ADMINISTRATION BY THE ATT SECRETARIAT****Background**

1. Following a review of the arrangements regarding the administration of the sponsorship programme, the Management Committee recommended to CSP4 that the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme should be transferred from UNDP to the ATT Secretariat at the end of CSP4. Accordingly, CSP4 decided that the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme should be entrusted to the ATT Secretariat from CSP4.

2. The Conference also decided that 8% of sponsorship funds will be allocated to the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme and directed the Secretariat and the Management Committee to elaborate the necessary protocols governing the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme by the ATT Secretariat, in consultation with States Parties and Signatory States, including a protocol to guide the selection process of the ATT sponsorship programme in order to ensure transparency, efficiency and impartiality in the work of the programme (see paragraph 34 of the [Final Report](#) of CSP4 held from 20-24 August 2018 (ATT/CSP4/2018/SEC/369/Conf.FinRep.Rev1)).

3. This paper has been prepared by the Management Committee, with the support of the ATT Secretariat, in response to the mandate given to the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee by CSP4. In taking the matter forward, the Management Committee and the ATT Secretariat were guided by the interest expressed in the matter by CSP4 and the urgent need to establish and operationalise the ATT sponsorship programme under the ATT Secretariat.

**Management Committee considerations**

4. The Management Committee met on 19 November 2018 to consider, among other things, the following in the context of the ATT sponsorship programme:

- a. Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT sponsorship programme;
- b. Whether and what provisional arrangements should be put in place to govern the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme pending the formal adoption of Administrative Guidelines by the Fifth Conference of States Parties (CSP5); and
- c. Eligibility for the ATT sponsorship programme.

**Management Committee decisions*****Interim Arrangements***

5. Noting that the protocols governing the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme will not be considered and adopted by CSP5 until August 2019, but that it is desirable to have a sponsorship programme operating for the ATT Working Group meetings, CSP5 informal preparatory meetings and CSP5 itself, the Management Committee decided that the ATT Secretariat should proceed to establish and administer a sponsorship programme for CSP5. After consideration of prevailing circumstances, the

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Management Committee decided to apply the attached draft Administrative Guidelines to the sponsorship programme on a provisional basis without prejudice to the final version approved by States Parties, until such approval will take place in August 2019 (CSP5).

6. The ATT Secretariat opened a bank account dedicated to the ATT sponsorship programme in October 2018 and issued a call for contributions to the ATT sponsorship programme on 18 October 2018 in an effort to raise funds for the sponsorship programme. The ATT Secretariat will issue a call for applications to the sponsorship programme by the end of November 2018. The number of applications to be funded will be determined by received financial contributions to the sponsorship programme.

#### ***Eligibility for sponsorship programme***

7. The Management Committee decided that unless and until CSP5 decides otherwise, the ATT sponsorship programme is available to States only. Furthermore, the ATT sponsorship programme is for the States on the OECD-DAC list as ODA recipients. Limited support may also be provided to small economy States, not listed on the OECD-DAC list.

#### **Management Committee proposal**

8. The following draft documents setting out the framework under which the Management Committee proposes the ATT Secretariat will administer the sponsorship programme, will be presented to CSP5 for adoption, after consultation during the CSP5 intersessional period, in response to the mandate given to the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee by CSP4:

- a. Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme;
- b. Annex A: Draft General Principles for Selection of Delegates to be Sponsored by the ATT Sponsorship Programme; and
- c. Annex B: ATT Sponsorship Programme: Draft Financial Protocol.

#### **Next steps**

9. Informal consultations on the attached Draft Administrative Guidelines will be held on **10 January 2019** in Geneva, Switzerland. States interested to attend these informal consultations are invited to contact the ATT Secretariat at [info@thearmstradetreaty.org](mailto:info@thearmstradetreaty.org) to register their interest and obtain more information.

10. States are also welcome to submit written comments on the Draft Administrative Guidelines to the ATT Secretariat at [info@thearmstradetreaty.org](mailto:info@thearmstradetreaty.org) by **09 January 2019**.

11. A revised version of the Draft Administrative Guidelines incorporating amendments arising out of the informal consultations to be held on 10 January 2018 and written submissions received, will be presented to the CSP5 First Informal Preparatory Meeting on 01 February 2019. It will be revised according to the discussions during the Meeting, and re-circulated in advance of and presented to the CSP5 Second Informal Preparatory Meeting on 05 April 2019. A final version will be presented to CSP5 for final consideration and adoption.

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