

“2021: Año de la Independencia”

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The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and has the honor to refer to the letter of the President of the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7), Amb. Lansana Gberie, dated 29 January 2021, on informal consultations on the multi-year workplans of the WGETI subworking groups on articles 6 & 7, 9 and 11.

Mexico wishes to express that it is relevant to take into consideration that the general context of the informal consultation process proposed by the CSP7 President is linked to the parallel deliberations currently held by the membership regarding the format and schedule of the preparatory meetings of the CSP7.

Despite the uncertainty that prevails due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mexico attaches great importance to the proposal to advance the planning of the WGETI sub-working groups.

Below is a set of general comments on the draft multi-year workplans of the WGETI sub-working groups on Articles 6 & 7, 9 and 11:

Subgroup Art. 6 & 7 and subgroup Art. 9:

- Mexico agrees with the activities listed in the work plans of these subgroups for the preparatory cycle of CSP7. However, and as for the rest of the subgroups, it will be important to take into consideration the final resolution of the format in which the preparatory meetings CSP7 will be carried out, since the said result will have an impact on the feasibility of carrying out the discussions in the periodicity and modality indicated in the work plans of the subgroups.

Subgroup Art. 11:

- During the debates proposed in the third stage (At or after importation / Post-delivery), Mexico considers it is important to include discussions among the membership and other stakeholders (such as the private sector and civil society) on post-delivery cooperation between exporters and importers to strengthen compliance; prevention and mitigation measures to avoid misuse and unauthorized re-exports; as well as the possibility of establishing as a requirement a certificate of verification of delivery by the end user that confirms that said authorized user has received the items covered by the export license.
- Mexico would appreciate clarifying whether the planned discussion on the role of transit and transshipment States would take place during the first or the second series of meetings of the CSP7 (page 17 of the draft multi-year workplan).

Mexico notes that the draft multi-year workplans of the three WGETI sub-working groups have been characterized as "living documents of a voluntary nature to be reviewed and updated regularly by the WGETI, in consideration of the work of the other working groups". In this regard, it would be highly appreciated to clarify the implications of the term "voluntary nature". It should not be forgotten that the

working groups, established under the ATT Conference of the Parties, have the purpose of assisting the States parties in the implementation of a Treaty of binding nature.

Acknowledge receipt of this message would be highly appreciated.

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