Dear Distinguished Representatives,

NOTIFICATION OF THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY: 22 - 26 AUGUST 2022 AT THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CONFIÉRNICES GENÈVE (CICG): GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

1. Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Rules of Procedure, this is to notify all States Parties and Signatory States of the Eighth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP8) scheduled to take place from 22 - 26 August 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), (rue de Varembe 17, 1211 Genève).

2. The Conference (CSP8) will be held in-person with an option for those who cannot attend in-person to follow the Conference proceedings via livestreaming.

3. The Provisional Agenda for the Conference shall be distributed to States Parties and Signatory States by 22 June 2022 in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure and made publicly available on the ATT website.

4. Background documents for the Conference shall be distributed to States Parties and Signatory States by 22 July 2022 and subsequently made publicly available on the ATT website. In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure, translations into all official languages of the Conference (Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Russian) shall also be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized.

5. All sessions of the Conference shall be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Russian.

6. Registration for all participants to the Conference is now open (here). Conference participants are strongly encouraged to start with the registration process now as all Conference registrations should be completed by 05 August 2022.
7. The registration process shall be conducted according to the ATT Rules of Procedure (RoP) as detailed below:

   a. States Parties, Signatory States and Observer States wishing to send a delegation to CSP8 (in accordance with RoP 1, 2 or 3) should submit a NOTE VERBALE to the Head of the ATT Secretariat listing all delegates, indicating the full name and position of each delegate. The head of the delegation, alternate(s) and advisor(s) should be clearly indicated. In addition to this, each individual member of the delegation must register online.

   b. International and Regional Organizations wishing to send a delegation to CSP8 (in accordance with RoP 4) should submit a NOTE VERBALE to the Head of the ATT Secretariat listing all delegates, indicating the full name and position of each delegate. The head of the delegation, alternate(s) and advisor(s) should be clearly indicated. In addition to this, each individual member of the delegation must register online.

   c. Civil Society Organizations including NGOs and Industry wishing to send a delegation to CSP8 (in accordance with RoP 5) should submit a FORMAL LETTER to the President of the Conference (through the ATT Secretariat) requesting to participate and listing all delegates, indicating the full name and position of each delegate. In addition to this, each individual member of the delegation must register online.

   d. All Notes Verbales/Formal Letters should be submitted to the ATT Secretariat by 05 August 2022 at registration@thearmstradetreaty.org

   e. Any changes in the composition of delegations should be submitted via Note Verbale/Formal Letter to the ATT Secretariat at registration@thearmstradetreaty.org by 05 August 2022.

   f. Please note that the ATT Secretariat will only send out a confirmation of accreditation as soon as the two steps in the registration process are completed, i.e.:

      i. Submission of a Note Verbale by State/Formal Letter by Organization/Company.

      ii. Individual online registration by every member of the delegation.

   g. Media representatives are requested to register online and submit their credentials for accreditation to the ATT Secretariat at registration@thearmstradetreaty.org by 05 August 2022.

8. Matters of objections to participation at the Conference shall be dealt with in terms of the provisions of Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure.

Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat

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