



To the President of the CSP7 to the ATT

H. E. Ambassador Lansana GBERIE

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**Switzerland's comments to the documents circulated on 4 June 2021 for consultation during the intersessional period leading up to CSP7**

Switzerland refers to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat's communication dated 4 June 2021 in which states parties were invited to comment on four documents, and would like to communicate the following points thereon:

1. Regarding the draft working paper by the Presidency Sierra Leone named "*Strengthening efforts to eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons and ensure efficient stockpile management*":

We take note of the new elements introduced into the paper. We have no objections and would be ready to endorse the paper at the upcoming CSP7.

2. Regarding the draft working paper by Argentina named "*transparency and exchange of information: its role in the prevention of diversion*":

We take note of the changes made to the text (rev3 corrected) and have no objections. We would be ready to endorse the paper at the upcoming CSP7.

3. Regarding the draft paper by Sub-working Group on Article 11 about the elements of a risk assessment process:

We generally agree with the content of the draft paper. However, we propose to make the following two adjustments to paragraph 6 of the paper:

- a. Instead of saying that the outlined elements of a proposed transfer "should" be scrutinised, it should rather be said that these elements "could" be scrutinised, since this draft paper will be non-binding.
- b. In the second bullet point of paragraph 6, a reference to PSSM is made with examples in brackets. Since not all States Parties include PSSM considerations into their export control risk assessments, the bracket with the examples should be deleted. This way, it is open to states' interpretation whether PSSM issues should be part of the risk assessment or not.



4. Regarding the report by the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) of the 28-29 April 2021 meeting:

We are looking forward to the virtual consultations on annex A and B to this report, which will take place during 29 and 30 June 2021, and agree with the proposed mandate for the WGTR for the period September 2021 - August 2022 (Annex C to this report).

5. Regarding the revised draft elements for a Secretariat's procedure regarding Rule 8(1)D (Guidelines for Financial Arrangements):

The revised draft has been moving in the right direction with the new paragraph 11. as now formulated. In this form, we can support the draft document.