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Text proposal on implementation for a final report of the CSP2 to be considered under the agenda item 11

CSP2 exchanged views on Treaty implementation and decided to establish an ad-hoc open-ended working group on “Effective Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty” to be chaired by a States Party/s to be nominated by the President ensuring diverse representation, on the basis of consultations and expressions of interest. Meetings will be held in line with the rule 42.2. of the Rules of Procedure in a public format enabling the participation of experts as necessary.

The ad hoc working group is established for the purpose of sharing experiences, challenges and best practices on the national implementation of this Treaty, in accordance with article 17.4., for example in the areas of legislation and regulation, practical implementation of the Treaty at national level, engagement in regional and international cooperation, and any other issue, including difficulties encountered, related to the national implementation of the ATT, in accordance with articles 5-15 of the Treaty.

The working group has a mandate to exchange knowledge on the practical issues related to the national implementation of the ATT, identify priority areas for capacity building and outreach on the implementation of the ATT, make recommendations and, where possible, elaborate guidance for consideration by all States Parties on the practical national implementation of the ATT and identify priority themes on effective implementation for the up-coming CSP.

It is envisaged that the chair/s would convene meetings, with the assistance of the Secretariat, twice per year, or as appropriate¹. Report of its deliberations and outcomes shall be prepared by the chair/s in his or her own capacity and made available through the Secretariat to States Parties, Signatories and Observers, to provide a basis for further discussions in the upcoming CSP.

CSP3 will review the progress made in this ad-hoc open-ended working group with a view to take a decision on the continuation of its work eg. on a permanent basis based on a recommendation prepared by the chair/s under an agenda item on subsidiary bodies.

¹ Taking advantage of synergies with other meetings held in Geneva and elsewhere as appropriate