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To: Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP11)

Subject: Call to Expand the Sponsorship Programme to Include Civil Society Organizations

Dear Members of the Conference,

As Topzawe Foundation for Genocide Studies and Research, a civil society organization working in the fields of peacebuilding and combating genocide, prevention of armed violence, and support for the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, we would like to draw the attention of the Conference to the importance of expanding the Sponsorship Programme, which has been in place since CSP4 and is currently limited to State representatives.

The role of civil society in supporting the Treaty's implementation, through delivering statements, enhancing transparency, and monitoring the impact of arms transfers—is complementary to the work of States Parties. However, financial barriers continue to prevent many active organizations from the Especially from developing countries to participate in CSP conferences, thereby limiting the inclusivity and diversity of discussions.

Accordingly, the Topzawe Foundation for Genocide Studies and Research, urges the Conference to:

1. Review the eligibility criteria of the Sponsorship Programme to include officially accredited civil society organizations.
2. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the impact of civil society participation in past CSPs.
3. Place this issue on the agenda of this or the next a future session of the Conference for formal discussion.

We believe that greater inclusion of civil society in the support mechanisms of the ATT—particularly the Sponsorship Programme—will strengthen the Treaty's humanitarian goals and implementation effectiveness.

Sincerely,

**Topzawe Foundation for Genocide Studies and Research
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