

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS ATT VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND

Introduction

The objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which entered into force on 24 December 2014, include the establishment of the highest possible common international standards for regulating or improving the regulation of the international trade in conventional arms, as well as the prevention and eradication of the illicit trade in conventional arms and the prevention of their diversion.

Article 16(3) of the ATT provides for the establishment of a Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) to support national implementation of the Treaty and encourages all States Parties to contribute resources to the Fund.

The VTF was formally established in August 2016 by the Second Conference of States Parties to the ATT and operates under its Terms of Reference as contained in document ATT/VTF18/2018/SEC/251/ToR.Cons.Dr.v1.Rev1.

The VTF shall disburse funds to ATT implementation projects according to the provisions of its Terms of Reference and Administrative Rules. Where necessary, OECD DAC guidelines for development cooperation may also apply.

VTF Aim

The VTF aims to assist requesting States requiring international assistance to implement Treaty obligations, including with respect to legal or legislative assistance, institutional capacity building, and technical, material and financial assistance.

Administration

The VTF is administered by the ATT Secretariat assisted by the VTF Selection Committee consisting of 13 States Parties appointed by the Eighth Conference of States Parties, including donors and non-donors to the Fund and ensuring diverse representation.

Donations and Contributions

The VTF calls for **voluntary contributions from all governments and private-sector donors**. Contributions and donations to the Fund can be made throughout the year with the funds to be used to support VTF projects.

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