Dear Distinguished Representatives,

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

1. As announced by the President-designate in his letter of 13 July 2020, the Sixth Conference of States Parties (CSP6), scheduled to take place from 17-21 August 2020, will be conducted through written procedure, in light of the uncertainty brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak and the ability to hold large meetings.

2. This means there will not be an in-person meeting in Geneva, as originally planned. Instead, stakeholders will participate in the Conference through written interventions, and decisions of the Conference will be taken by States Parties via silence procedure.

Registration for and participation in CSP6

3. Any State or other stakeholder wishing to participate in CSP6 is invited to register for the Conference by submitting the following to the ATT Secretariat at registration@thearmstradetreaty.org by the deadline of 07 August 2020:

   a. For States: a note verbale indicating the name of the State that is participating;

   b. For international and regional organisations: a note verbale indicating the name of the organization that is participating; and

   c. For civil society representatives, NGOs and industry: a formal letter indicating the name of the entity that is participating.

4. Due to the special format of this meeting, there is no requirement to register online, as per the usual practice. There is also no requirement to list the members of the delegation; an indication of the State, organization or entity participating is sufficient, and this is what will be included in the List of Participants for the Conference.

5. The ATT Secretariat will acknowledge all States Parties, Signatory States, Observer States, international organisations, regional organisations, civil society representatives, NGOs and industry representatives and other stakeholders that register for CSP6, and will include them in the List of Participants of the Conference, to be posted on the ATT website.
6. Every State that registers for CSP6 will be considered to have participated in the Conference and to have been ‘in attendance’ for the purposes of Rule 5 of the ATT Financial Rules.

**Submitting statements to CSP6**

7. States Parties and other stakeholders are also invited to submit any written statements to the Conference, including general statements (usually delivered during the CSP agenda item titled ‘General Debate’), to the ATT Secretariat at info@thearmstradetreaty.org by 14 August 2020. The ATT Secretariat will make all statements publicly available on the CSP6 webpage.

**Conference documents**

8. Background documents for the Conference shall be distributed on 17 July 2020 and subsequently made publicly available on the ATT website.

**Side events**

9. As there will not be an in-person meeting in Geneva, it will not be possible to hold in-person side events in Geneva. However, any State or organization that wishes/plans to hold a virtual side event or webinar during the week of 17-21 August is welcome to inform the ATT Secretariat of the event, and we will post the information on the CSP6 webpage for all stakeholders to consult. Please include the following information in your notification: title of the event, date of the event, time (including time zone), and access link. Please be advised that side event organisers will be responsible for hosting and facilitating such virtual events.

10. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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