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**STATES PARTIES' EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE VOLUNTARY
TRUST FUND SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Draft Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) Terms of Reference submitted as an official CSP2 document (ATT/CSP2/2016/WP.3) for consideration under Item 6 of the CSP2 Provisional Agenda, provides for the establishment of a VTF Selection Committee. Article 5 of the VTF Terms of Reference specifically states that 'the Trust Fund shall be administered by the ATT Secretariat, with the support of the Selection Committee which shall be established in accordance with Article 17.4 (f) of the Arms Trade Treaty and Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, to execute the functions as set out in these Terms of Reference'.

Article 6 of the VTF Terms of Reference further provides that 'the Selection Committee shall consist of a limited number of States Parties to be appointed by the Conference of States Parties, including States having announced financial contributions to the Voluntary Trust Fund and ensuring diverse representation.' In order to facilitate the appointment of the VTF Selection Committee at the Second Conference of States Parties, I call for the States Parties' expression of interest in serving on the VTF Selection Committee. This call is made purely for purposes of facilitating the appointment of the VTF Selection Committee by CSP2 in order to immediately operationalize the VTF to support Treaty implementation.

States Parties can express their interest to serve on the VTF Selection Committee through notification to the CSP2 President and openly stating such interest at CSP2 for consideration by the Conference.
