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To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

: Representatives of Signatory States to the Arms Trade Treaty.

: Representatives of Observer States to the Arms Trade Treaty.

: Representatives of International and Regional Organizations.

: Representatives of Civil Society, NGOs and Industry.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

INVITATION TO THE ATT WORKING GROUPS AND SECOND CSP4 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS: 29 MAY - 01 JUNE 2018: CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CONFÉRENCES GENÈVE (CICG), GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Third Conference States Parties (CSP3) to the Arms Trade Treaty held on 11 - 15 September 2017 established three standing Working Groups to operate under their respective Terms of Reference. The Conference further established an informal preparatory process for the Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4). On 20 November 2017, I issued a schedule of ATT meetings for the period leading up to CSP4.

I have the pleasure to invite to you to the meetings of the ATT Working Groups as well as the Second CSP4 informal preparatory meeting, which will take place as follows:

Date: 29 May – 01 June 2018

• Venue: Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland

The order and duration of the meetings is reflected on the attached Annex. Documents for the meetings will be issued by the Chairs of the Working Groups, the Chair of the VTF Selection Committee and the CSP4 President in advance of the meetings.

It is kindly brought to your attention that the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2018 will start with the joint session of the ATT Working Groups on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup>, which will be followed by the CSP4 informal preparatory meeting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In furtherance of paragraph 22 of the *Final Report* of the Third Conference of States Parties (CSP3) (ATT/CSP3/2017/SEC/184/Conf.FinRep.Rev1), whereby CSP3 'decided that the programme of work for the three Working Groups should address aspects of the linkages between the Treaty and the SDGs that are relevant to their mandates and report on these to the next Conference of States Parties.'

Delegates are encouraged to the visit the ATT website (<u>here</u>) for information and documentation pertaining to the forthcoming meetings.

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

Yours faithfully,

**Ambassador Nobushige TAKAMIZAWA** 

**President: Fourth Conference of States Parties to the ATT**