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The Arms Trade Treaty
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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 FIRST CSP8 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS:
15 - 18 FEBRUARY 2022**

1. The Seventh Conference States Parties (CSP7) to the Arms Trade Treaty held on 30 August – 03 September 2021 established an informal preparatory process for the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8). On 04 and 22 November 2021 respectively, the President issued an announcement regarding the ATT office holders and the schedule of ATT meetings for the period leading up to CSP8. On 27 January 2022, the President issued an announcement confirming the format of the first series of meetings.

2. I have the pleasure to invite you to the meetings of the ATT Working Groups as well as the first CSP8 informal preparatory meeting, which will take place over the period 15 - 18 February 2022. Information pertaining to the meetings is outlined below.

Schedule of meetings

3. As indicated in my announcement confirming the format of the meetings on 27 January 2022, the order and duration of the meetings is reflected on the attached Annex.

Documents

4. Documents for the meetings will be issued by the Chairs of the Working Groups and other ATT office holders through the ATT Secretariat in advance of the meetings.

Registration

5. Representatives are requested to register for the February meetings by 11 February 2022. Registration for the meetings involves one step: each individual member of each delegation must

register online ([here](#)). Anyone who has not registered for the meetings will not receive the Zoom link to access the meetings and may not be admitted to the online platform for the meetings.

Participation

6. Access to the online platform: Participants that have registered to the meetings will receive the link to the meetings in the evening of 14 February 2022.
7. Interpretation from/into Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be available during the meetings. For those delegates participating remotely (via the online platform), information on how to use the interpretation functionality is available [here](#).
8. Delegates who are participating in person in the meetings are informed that each delegation will be permitted two seats only (in an effort to ensure social distancing of 1.5 metres).
9. Delegates who are participating remotely (via the online platform) are encouraged to:
 - ensure that the name of the State or Organization they represent and their surname are displayed in their Zoom profile. This will help the meeting facilitators to identify participants correctly, if they are called on to speak.
 - use a headset with integrated microphone.

Testing of the online platform

10. Representatives who wish to test or confirm their ability to access the meeting platform are invited to participate in one of the testing sessions that will be hosted by the ATT Secretariat in advance of the February meetings.
11. The ATT Secretariat will hold testing sessions on the following dates during the times indicated:
 - 09 February 2022, 08:00 - 09:00 Geneva local time (CET)
 - 10 February 2022, 16:00 - 17:00 Geneva local time (CET)

The test sessions can be joined by the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92682320559>

12. Delegates are encouraged to visit the ATT website ([here](#)) 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 Thomas GÖBEL
President: Eighth Conference of States Parties to the ATT

SCHEDULE OF WG MEETINGS & 1st CSP8 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING: 15-18 FEBRUARY 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
13:00 – 14:30		WGETI Sub-working Group on Articles 6&7	WGETI Sub-working Group on Article 11	WGTR	1 st CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting	13:00 – 14:30
14:30 – 16:00		WGETI Sub-working Group on Article 9	WGTU	WGTR	1 st CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting	14:30 – 16:00
SIDE EVENTS		<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>	SIDE EVENTS