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Proposed tasks for the ATT Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) for the period September 2017 - August 2018

The Working Group on Transparency and Reporting was established by the Second Conference of States Parties of the ATT (CSP2) in September 2016. According to the adopted Terms of Reference of the Group, it shall "undertake tasks defined by the Conference of States Parties in the general area indicated by its title". In accordance with its Terms of Reference and Rule 42(2) of the ATT Rules of Procedure, the Working Group would like to propose for consideration by CSP3, the following tasks for further work in the period between CSP3 and CSP4.

- The WGTR shall conduct exchanges of lessons learned at the national level concerning the fulfilment of ATT reporting obligations, the quality and completeness of ATT reporting, and the organisation of reporting tasks. In this context the Group should seek to identify common areas of difficulty, and communicate these to the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) as suitable elements for inclusion in implementation assistance efforts.

- The WGTR shall assess the possibility of facilitating information exchange under the Treaty's provisions through organizational means, such as specific processes or formats, with a view to providing recommendations to CSP4. In this context, account needs to be taken of the WGETI's consideration of priority topics for information exchange.

- The WGTR shall continue to follow the development of the Treaty's IT Platform in order to identify possibilities for enhancing transparency in line with Article 1 of the Treaty, and to contribute to the development of effective web-based support for mandatory ATT reporting while retaining the possibility to report in a national format.

- The WGTR shall further consider the possibility of harnessing information generated by mandatory reporting in order to support States Parties in the implementation of the Treaty, or Treaty universalization efforts. In this task the WGTR should be guided by the priorities identified in the Working Groups responsible for these two areas. Any recommendations to CSP4 should be accompanied by a clear indication of who should be responsible for the recommended work, and an estimate of possible budgetary implications.

- The WGTR shall prepare a proposal for consideration by CSP4, suggesting tasks to be carried out by the Group in the period between CSP4 and CSP5

The above mentioned tasks shall remain subject to review, if deemed necessary, to avoid duplication of effort and ensure efficient organization of work.

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