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WORKING GROUP ON TREATY UNIVERSALISATION WORK PLAN FOR THE CSP6 PREPARATORY MEETINGS

Introduction

- 1. To take forward Treaty universalization, acknowledging and building on efforts by successive presidencies, the Fifth Conference of States Parties (CSP5) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) considered the draft of the Report of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Universalization of the Treaty, contained in the document ATT/CSP5.WGTU/2019/CHAIR/532/Conf.Rep.,
 - a) Adopted the ATT Universalization Toolkit (Annex A to the Co-Chairs' report) as well as the 'Welcome Pack for New States Parties to the ATT' (Annex B to the Co-Chairs' report), as living documents of a voluntary nature to be reviewed and updated regularly by the Working Group, as appropriate, and encouraged ATT stakeholders to utilize the materials in their bilateral, multilateral, and regional meetings and workshops when appropriate.
 - b) Encouraged ATT stakeholders, to the extent possible, to translate the two documents to target languages (other than UN official languages) to promote understanding of the Treaty. To that end, the Conference welcomed the offer of the Republic of Korea to translate the ATT Universalization Toolkit as well as the 'Welcome Pack for New States Parties to the ATT'.
 - c) Requested the ATT Secretariat to upload both documents and available translations to the resources section of the ATT website and to mention the link in the welcome letter sent to new States Parties upon becoming States Parties to the Treaty.
 - d) Requested the ATT Secretariat to continue to analyse the trends and pace of universalization of the ATT and report annually to the CSP.
 - Encouraged continue regular exchanges of views among the CSP President, Co-Chairs of the WGTU, the VTF Chairperson and civil society representatives on the promotion of ATT universalization.
- 2. The decision of CSP5, derived from the draft report of the WGTU Co-Chairs for CSP5 mentioned above, establish a solid basis for the work of WGTU in the period prior to CSP6.
- 3. The WGTU is scheduled to have two meetings before CSP6, on 06 February and 15 April 2020.

Activities

- 4. During the exchange of views at the planned WGTU meetings, participants are encouraged to consider and address the following guiding questions:
- 1) Which are your universalization efforts for the ATT?
- 2) Which are new areas of activities we should consider?
- 3) The importance of the role of Parliamentarians, civil society and industry in advancing the universalization of the Treaty.
- 5. Below are the planned activities and suggested topics that the WGTU should follow in the period between sessions of the CSP6:

1. WGTU meeting, February 6, 2020

- 6. Topics to be addressed in this meeting:
 - a. The Presidency activities to promote the universalization of the ATT;
 - b. ATT Secretariat update on the status of ratifications and accessions;
 - c. Vice-Presidents activities to promote the universalization of the ATT;
 - d. The efforts of civil society and industry to promote the universalization of ATT;
 - e. Redoubling efforts toward 150 States Parties (ATT@150);
 - f. Experiences of new States Parties to the ATT on the process of joining the Treaty

2. WGTU meeting, April 15, 2020

- 7. Topics to be developed in this meeting:
 - a. Presidency activities to promote the universalization of the ATT;
 - b. ATT Secretariat update on the status of ratifications and accessions;
 - c. Vice-Presidents activities to promote the universalization of the ATT;
 - d. The efforts of civil society and industry to promote the universalization of ATT;
 - e. Redoubling efforts towards ATT@150;
 - f. Experiences of new States Parties to the ATT on the process of joining the Treaty;
 - g. The use of the Universalization Toolkit and the Welcome Pack in ATT outreach and promotion activities;
 - h. Synergies between the VTF and the universalization promotion activities: the WGTU will hear from a representative of a State Party to the ATT about the experience of promoting the ATT in the framework of a VTF project.

3. Other activities

- a. Support regional/sub-regional ATT workshops;
- b. Outreach by the Presidency, Vice-Presidents, WGTU Co-chair and other actors.
