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**ENLARGEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION**  
**Submitted by The Netherlands****BACKGROUND**

1. The Fourth Conference of States Parties (see paragraph 44 of the Final Report, [ATT/CSP4/2018/SEC/369/Conf.Fin.Rep.Rev1](#)), invited interested states to submit a detailed proposal to the Conference for consideration on the matter of the possible expansion of the membership of the Management Committee.
2. Against this background the Netherlands would like to bring this concept proposal under the attention of States Parties.
3. In article 18 paragraph 3 of the [Treaty](#) states that the Secretariat shall undertake its responsibilities 'within a minimized structure'. For this reason, the size of the Arms Trade Treaty secretariat is limited in size.
4. The Management Committee, established pursuant to Article 17.4(f) of the Treaty, plays an essential role in overseeing the working of the secretariat. The Management Committee, if properly staffed, is also a valuable source of experience in several fields.
5. The Management Committee has a significant workload, as can be deduced from the Management Committee activity report submitted to the Fourth Conference of States Parties ([ATT/CSP4.MC/2018/MC/352/Conf.Rep.](#)):
  - a. Development programme of work; oversight of the calculation and allocation of uncommitted funds;
  - b. Provision of oversight over the process for the issuance of invoices to States for financial contributions;
  - c. Provision of oversight over all stages of the ATT Secretariat's IT improvement project i.e. the announcement of tender, evaluation of tenders, selection of suitable service provider, setting up of contractual arrangements and implementation of the project;
  - d. Development of a detailed proposal on the review of arrangements for the ATT Sponsorship Programme;
  - e. Development of a detailed proposal on possible measures to address the problem of unpaid financial contributions;
  - f. Provision of guidance on the process for the notification of States of their outstanding assessed financial contributions;
  - g. Oversight of ATT finances in terms of income and expenditure;

- h. Review of budget estimates for the ATT Secretariat and upcoming CSP and provision of oversight over the general financial management in the ATT Secretariat.
  - i. Joint work with the ATT Secretariat and the VTF Selection Committee in identifying a workable solution to strengthen the ATT Secretariat's capacity to administer the Voluntary Trust Fund.
6. The important role of the Management Committee was also articulated during the Fourth Conference of States Parties. The conference decided to (see above mentioned Final Report, paragraph 37):
- a. To task the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee to implement the administrative measures to address some of the causes of delayed and non-payment of assessed contributions as outlined in Table 1 of the Management Committee report.
  - b. To mandate the Management Committee to further explore options to address problems related to financial liquidity, including the feasibility of establishing a reserve fund, with a view to putting forward proposals to be considered at the Fifth Conference of States Parties.
  - c. To mandate the Management Committee to undertake further work and prepare a detailed proposal to address the problem of assessed contributions in accordance with the Financial Rules, for consideration at the Fifth Conference of States Parties.

#### **CURRENT PRACTICE**

7. Based upon paragraph 2 of the [Terms of Reference for the Management Committee](#) the Management Committee 'shall comprise the President of the Conference of States Parties and a State Party representative designated by each UN regional group'. Those mandate of those representatives 'shall be subject to renewal every two years.' based upon paragraph 3 of the before mentioned terms of reference.

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8. To further strengthen the **competences** as well as the **continuity** of experience gained by 'senior members' within the Management Committee, the Netherlands proposes to double the number of members within in the committee and to renew the mandate of half of the members each year.

9. To implement this consideration paragraph 2 and 3 of the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee could be formulated as follows:

*Paragraph 2: The Management Committee shall comprise the President of the Conference of States Parties and **two** State Party representatives designated by each UN regional group. A representative from the Secretariat should participate in an ex-officio capacity.*

*Paragraph 3. With the exception of the President of the Conference of States Parties, and of the Secretariat's representative, the mandate of the Management Committee members shall be subject to renewal every two years.*

10. In order to implement the staggering system (in year X half of the Management Committee members will be subject to renewal. In year X + 1, the other half of the Management Committee members will be subject to renewal) it is proposed to the Fifth Conference of States Parties to decide to:

- a. Appoint 5 new Management Committee members for the (normal) period of 2 years *and*
- b. Prolong the term of the current 5 Management Committee members by 1 year. In case some States are not able to prolong their term, a new member should be appointed for the term of 1 year.

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