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## **REPORT ON THE ATT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2024/2025**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Management Committee is established as a subsidiary body under Article 17(4) of the Arms Trade Treaty as well as Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, to provide oversight on financial matters as well as other matters related to the ATT Secretariat with the aim of ensuring maximum accountability, efficiency and transparency.
2. This report is submitted by the Management Committee in accordance with its reporting obligation to the Conference of States Parties contemplated in Rule 42(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Arms Trade Treaty and Section 12 of its own Terms of Reference.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

3. The Management Committee is chaired by the President of the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11), Ambassador Carlos FORADORI, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, and is composed of five States Party representatives designated by the United Nations regional groups and appointed by the Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9). The current Management Committee members are: Burkina Faso, China, Latvia, the United Kingdom, and Peru.
4. Section 3 of the Management Committee's Terms of Reference provides that, with the exception of the President of the Conference of States Parties and the ATT Secretariat representative, members of the Committee shall serve for a period of two years and are eligible to serve a further term. Accordingly, the term of the current Management Committee will run until the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11).
5. The term of the current Management Committee will conclude at the end of CSP11, and a new Management Committee is expected to be appointed then for a term of two years.

**MANDATE**

6. The mandate of the Management Committee is to provide oversight on financial matters as well as other matters related to the ATT Secretariat with the aim of ensuring maximum accountability, efficiency and transparency. The Management Committee's mandate is elaborated in its Terms of Reference, referenced ATT/CSP1/CONF/4.

**METHOD OF WORK**

7. In performing its work, the Management Committee relies on the provisions of the Treaty, its Terms of Reference, the Directive of States Parties to the ATT Secretariat and decisions taken by Conferences of States Parties related to its mandate.

8. The Management Committee conducts its work, its meetings and takes decisions in accordance with the provisions of the ATT Rules of Procedures with particular reference to Rules 42 and 43.

9. The Management Committee conducts its work through formal meetings as well as exchange of documentation through emails. Summaries of the Management Committee's meetings are published on the restricted part of the ATT website for access by States Parties throughout the year.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES AND ACTIVITIES**

10. In the reporting period, the Management Committee held two (2) formal meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

11. In executing its mandate and decisions of Conferences of States Parties, the Management Committee undertook the following activities:

- a. Developed its programme of work for the year, with specific attention to the task assigned to the Management Committee by a CSP10 decision regarding the review of the revised ATT programme of work, on trial for one year.
- b. Provided oversight over the process for the issuance of invoices in October 2024 to States for financial contributions to the ATT 2025 budget as adopted by CSP9.
- c. Provided oversight over the process for the notification of States of their outstanding assessed financial contributions in March 2025.
- d. Pursuant to Rule 4 (1) of the ATT Financial Rules and Section 10 of its own Terms of Reference, the Management Committee reviewed the 2026 budget estimates for the ATT Secretariat and CSP11 prior to submission to States Parties by the ATT Secretariat.
- e. Prepared its own report to CSP11 outlining activities undertaken by the Management Committee in the period between CSP10 and CSP11.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

12. In undertaking its responsibilities during the period under review, the Management Committee did not incur any financial expenditure to be carried by the ATT budget.

**RECOMMENDATION ON AUDITING**

13. Rule 10 of the ATT Financial Rules provides that the Conference of States Parties shall appoint, for a period of four years, an internationally recognised independent auditor with experience in the audit of international organisations. The appointed auditor is mandated to audit the ATT Secretariat, the activities of the Conference of States Parties (CSP), and its subsidiary bodies.

14. The mandate of the current auditor, Price Waterhouse Coopers, will expire on 31 December 2025. Accordingly, a new auditor must be appointed for a period of four years commencing on 1 January 2026. To this end, the Management Committee recommends that the ATT Secretariat joins the selection process being conducted by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) for the appointment of an international audit firm, which is scheduled to take place between July and September 2025. This course of action would require CSP11 to decide that, upon completion of the selection process, the Management Committee shall submit the nomination of the selected international audit firm to the CSP12 President no later than 15 October 2025, for appointment by States Parties via silence procedure.

15. The Management Committee's recommendation is based on the following considerations:

- a. Operational efficiency in retaining the same audit firm as that used by DCAF, which already provides financial services support to the ATT Secretariat and administers the additional financial contribution from the Government of Switzerland.
- b. Cost-effectiveness, as joining the DCAF process is expected to result in savings in audit-related expenditures, while ensuring the independence, integrity, and quality of the audit process.
- c. Proven track record, as the selected firm will have already gone through a competitive, transparent process in line with international standards.
- d. Administrative simplicity, as relying on DCAF's process also reduces the ATT Secretariat's administrative burden, since the contractual and procurement framework is already in place.

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