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REPORT ON THE ATT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE’S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2022/2023

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 Ninth Conference of States Parties (CSP9), Ambassador Seong-mee YOON, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, and is composed of five States Party representatives designated by the United Nations regional groups and appointed by the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7). The current Management Committee members are: Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and China, which was appointed by the Eighth Conference of States Parties to replace the Republic of Korea to serve for a period of one year up to CSP9.

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 an ATT Secretariat representative, members of the Committee shall serve for a period of two years and are eligible to serve a further term.

5. The term of the current Management Committee finishes at the end of CSP9 and a new Management Committee should be appointed for a term of two years, starting immediately after the CSP9 and ending at the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11).

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 documents 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 eight (8) 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 CSP8 regarding the review of the ATT programme of work.

   b. Provided oversight over the process for the issuance of invoices in October 2022 to States for financial contributions to the ATT 2023 budget as adopted by CSP8.

   c. Provided oversight over the process for the notification of States of their outstanding assessed financial contributions in March 2023.

   d. Elaborated and conducted consultations on the Management Committee draft proposal on the review of the ATT programme of work.

   e. Pursuant to Rule 4 (1) of the ATT Financial Rules and Section 10 of its own Terms of Reference, the Management Committee reviewed the 2024 budget estimates for the ATT Secretariat and CSP10 prior to submission to States Parties by the ATT Secretariat.

   f. Discussed the need to start a recruitment process for the new Head of the ATT Secretariat and decided to recommend to CSP9 the establishment of an Evaluation Committee consisting of members of the Management committee and the Bureau to proceed with a merit-based recruitment process to secure a candidate for consideration by CSP10.

   g. Prepared its own report to CSP9 outlining activities undertaken by the Management Committee in the period between CSP8 and CSP9.
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.

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