

The Arms Trade Treaty
23 Avenue de France
CH-1202 Geneva
29 July 2020

To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

Dear Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty,

SUBJECT: DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION VIA SILENCE PROCEDURE

DECISION 16: APPLICATION OF RULE 8 (1) D ON THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME AND THE VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND

1. I refer to my letter of 10 July confirming the decision to conduct CSP6 through written procedure and to take decisions via silence procedure, in light of the uncertainty brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak and the ability to hold large meetings.
2. I hereby present the following draft decision to States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty for consideration and adoption via silence procedure as contemplated in Rule 41(3) of the ATT Rules of Procedure, with a deadline set at 20 days, starting on 29 July 2020 and expiring on 17 August 2020:

CSP6 Decision 16

States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty agree that the effects triggered by the process for making financial arrangements to subsequent decisions of the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) and the ATT Sponsorship Programme need further discussion as decided by CSP5 (see paragraph 36 of the *Final Report*, ATT/CSP5/2019/SEC/536/Conf.FinRep.Rev1). The extraordinary circumstances surrounding CSP6 do not allow for an in-depth discussion on this matter. Therefore, States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty:

- a. Decide that no State shall be prejudiced by Financial Rule 8 (1) d in applying for support from the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund or the ATT Sponsorship Programme until CSP7, when this matter will again be considered.
- b. Task the Management Committee to prepare a report on the application of Financial Rule 8 (1) d on decisions to be taken by the VTF Selection Committee and the ATT Sponsorship Programme for consideration and decision by CSP7.

3. If a State Party agrees with the proposed decision, the State Party should stay silent and no action is required.

4. If a State Party has an objection to this proposed decision, the State Party concerned must submit, in a timely manner, a written response to me via the ATT Secretariat at info@thearmstradetreaty.org. The written response must:
 - a. Clearly identify the decision the State Party is objecting to by inserting 'Decision 16: Application of Rule 8 (1) d on the ATT Sponsorship Programme and the Voluntary Trust Fund' in the written response; and
 - b. Clearly specify the exact nature of the objection.
5. I will consider the objection in consultation with the State Party concerned in an effort to achieve consensus on the decision.
6. In terms of Rule 41(3) of the ATT Rules of Procedure, once the silence procedure deadline has expired, I, as President-designate, will inform States Parties if the decision has been adopted. If the silence procedure is broken, I will inform States Parties and the matter shall be deferred for consideration by the ATT Conference at its following ordinary session, the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7).
7. If the decision is adopted via silence procedure, it will be incorporated in the Final Report of CSP6.
8. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Ambassador Federico VILLEGAS

President-designate: Sixth Conference of States Parties to the ATT
