

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 6: CSP7 VENUE

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 6

States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty :

- a. Decide to hold the next formal annual session, the Seventh Conference of States Parties, in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), a venue generously provided for by the Swiss government.
- b. Decide that the informal preparatory meetings and the meetings of the Working Groups will also be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

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 6: CSP7 Venue' 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
