

To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Signatory States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Observer States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of International and Regional Organizations.
: Representatives of Civil Society, NGO's and Industry.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

**INVITATION TO THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY:
22 – 26 AUGUST 2022 AT THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CONFÉRENCES GENÈVE (CICG),
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

On behalf of the President of the Eighth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL, I have the pleasure to invite you to the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8) scheduled to take place from 22 - 26 August 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), rue de Varembe 17, 1211 Genève.

The Conference **will be held in-person** with an option for those who cannot attend in-person to follow the Conference proceedings via livestreaming. Daily sessions of the Conference will take place from 10:00 – 13: 00 and 15:00 – 18:00 CEST.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for participants to deliberate and exchange information on the effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, a Treaty critical to the regulation of international trade in conventional arms.

Registration for all participants to the Conference is now open ([here](#)). Conference participants are strongly encouraged to start with the registration process now as all Conference registrations should be completed by **05 August 2022**.

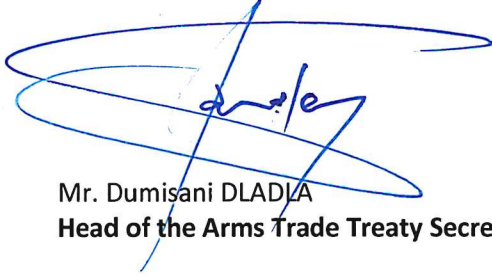
Background documents for the Conference shall be distributed to States Parties and Signatory States by 22 July 2022 and made publicly available on the ATT website.

In accordance with the decision of the Fifth Conference of States Parties (CSP5), delegations are encouraged to strive for gender balance within delegations.

Conference delegates are also encouraged to make their own hotel reservations in Geneva as early as possible.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Dumisani DLADLA
Head of the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat