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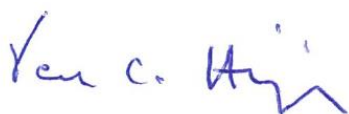
To All

Representatives of States Parties, Signatory States, Other States, Civil Society and Industry.

Dear Colleagues,

VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND (VTF) CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS: 2020 VTF CYCLE

1. The Second Conference of States Parties decided on the establishment of the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) to operate under its approved Terms of Reference.
2. Since September 2016, the Secretariat, the VTF Selection Committee and the Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee have worked tirelessly towards the establishment of the necessary administrative infrastructure for the immediate operationalization of the VTF. To that end, five Calls for Contributions have been issued by the Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee (on 14 November 2016, 08 February 2017, 21 September 2017, 22 January 2018 and 15 October 2019).
3. I am grateful to the States that have responded positively to the calls and have made financial contributions to the VTF, as well as those who pledged contributions during the Fifth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, held in Geneva, Switzerland, in August. This has made it possible for me to issue the enclosed VTF Call for Project Proposals from eligible States. It is brought to your attention that the VTF will be ready to receive project proposals from **16 October 2019 – 16 January 2020**. The VTF application procedure is outlined in the Call for Project Proposals.
4. Whilst looking forward to VTF project proposals in the coming months, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.



Ambassador Dell HIGGIE
Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee