

Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation - meeting of 6-7 Feb 2017

DRAFT ANNOTATED PROGRAMME OF WORK

The 1st meeting of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) will endeavour to address, in particular, the first two items of the mandate set forth by 2CSP for the working group, that is 1) *exchange knowledge on the practical issues related to the national implementation of the ATT, including difficulties encountered* and 2) *identify priority areas for capacity building and outreach with regard to the implementation of the ATT*.

The draft provisional programme of work briefly introduces the different sessions and contains a number of elements for the consideration of delegations and to guide discussions. Its intended purpose is to provide guidance to delegations in preparing for the meeting.

The meeting will operate on the basis of a rolling programme of work. The timeline provided in the programme of work is to be considered as provisional and delegations are advised to be prepared for adjustments as necessary and determined by the Co-chairs.

Monday 6 February

MORNING SESSION 10.00 – 13.00

Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Co-chairs who will present the objectives and work plan for the meeting and address any organizational matter.

Session 1 – Overview of the status of Treaty implementation

The session will provide the opportunity to take a general overview of the current status of ATT implementation by States Parties. It will involve presentations by the ATT Secretariat, experts and practitioners, and civil society.

Overview presentations:

- ATT Secretariat: Trends arising from a review of Initial Reports submitted by States Parties.
- Experts/practitioners: Findings from ATT implementation assistance projects.
- Civil society: Reflections on ATT implementation experience in the field.

Time will be allocated after each speaker for questions from delegates in the meeting and general discussion on the issues.

LUNCH BREAK **13.00 – 15.00**

AFTERNOON SESSION 15.00 – 18.00

Session 2 – States’ experiences on Treaty implementation

The session will continue to review the current status of ATT implementation, and will give an opportunity to States to share their experiences of Treaty implementation.

Delegations are invited to provide their comments on the following aspects in particular:

- Experiences made in implementing the ATT,
- Measures undertaken to implement the ATT,
- Particular challenges faced in implementing the ATT,
- Needs identified regarding capacity building.

Wrap-up of Day One

Tuesday 7 February

MORNING SESSION **10.00 – 13.00**

Opening of the meeting and re-cap of Day One

Session 3 – Mapping ATT implementation

The session will explore the implementation obligations under the ATT, with particular reference to the practical requirements for implementing Articles 5 to 13 of the Treaty.

Delegations will be asked to address the question: *What measures must be implemented by States Parties to realise/give effect to the obligations in Articles 5 to 13 of the Treaty?*

Consideration could be given to the following specific questions with respect to the different provisions:

Article 5	1. What are the elements of a national control system?
	2. What are the considerations for establishing a national control list?
	3. What are the practical considerations for establishing competent national authorities?

Articles 6&7	1. What does a State need to have in place in order to make a licensing decision?
Article 8	1. What mechanisms and structures does a State need to have in place to exchange information on licensing decisions?
	2. What measures does a State need to take to regulate the import of conventional arms?
Article 9	1. What measures does a State need to take to regulate the transit and transshipment of conventional arms?
Article 10	1. What measures does a State need to take to regulate the brokering of conventional arms?
	a. What is needed to establish a registration system for brokers?
	b. What is required to establish and operate a process/mechanism for requiring brokers to obtain written authorization before engaging in brokering?
Article 11	1. What are some of the elements a State will need to have in place in order to prevent diversion?
	2. What are some of the elements a State will need to have in place in order to detect diversion?
	3. What mechanisms and structures does a State need to have in place to exchange information on diversion?
Article 12	1. What is required to keep records of export authorizations/actual exports?
	2. What is required to keep records of imports?
	3. What is required to keep records of conventional arms that transit/transship through a State?
Article 13	1. What does State need to put/have in place in order to be able to submit an Initial Report?
	2. What does State need to put/have in place in order to be able to submit an Annual Report?

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Session 4 – Moving forward with Treaty implementation and capacity building

Building on earlier discussions, the session will explore what steps need to be taken to move forward with implementation, and look at whether there are priority areas for Treaty implementation and capacity building.

Delegations will also be asked to address the question: *Are there primary requirements under the Treaty that lead to a logical sequence to national implementation of the Treaty obligations?*

Consideration could be given to the following specific questions:

- Are there Treaty obligations that should be or need to be implemented before others?
- Are there Treaty obligations that require further attention/consideration and unpacking to facilitate implementation?
- Should capacity building and assistance efforts target primary requirements under the Treaty?
- Are there areas (including challenges) that would warrant particular attention and dedicated work under the ATT?

Session 5 – Planning implementation work

This session will provide an initial opportunity to discuss work that should be undertaken under the Treaty in light of the mapping exercise conducted in Sessions 3 and 4. It will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas on the prioritization and sequencing of implementation issues, as well as possible options for framing the work ahead.

Delegations will be asked to address the question: *How do we structure the work of a Working Group on Implementation after CSP3 in a manner that helps us address the aspects of Treaty implementation explored in Sessions 3 and 4?*

Wrap-up session - way forward

The session will take stock of the discussions in the WGETI and explore options for the work ahead of CSP3, including the formulation of recommendations to CSP3 as provided for in the mandate of the group.
