

The Arms Trade Treaty
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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, NGOs and Industry.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

ANNOUNCEMENT: CONFIRMATION OF THE FORMAT OF THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (CSP8): 22 – 26 AUGUST 2022

1. I refer to my letter of 03 June 2022 to all ATT stakeholders regarding the format of the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8) scheduled for 22 - 26 August 2022 and the process for agreeing on the proposed format of the Conference.
2. At my request, between 03 and 13 June 2022, the vice-Presidents held consultations with their regional groups on the proposal outlined in the letter to gauge their views and preferences. I then held a virtual meeting with all ATT Office Holders on 14 June 2022 to give the vice-Presidents an opportunity to share feedback from their consultations and discuss and agree the proposed format of CSP8.
3. I write to inform you that there was unanimous support for the proposal contained in my letter of 03 June 2022. Accordingly, I am pleased to announce that the Eighth Conference of States Parties (CSP8) scheduled to take place from 22 - 26 August 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland **will be held in-person** with an option for those who cannot attend in-person to follow the Conference proceedings via livestreaming.
4. As I indicated in my letter of 03 June 2022, an in-person meeting with a livestreaming option will revert the CSP8 meeting times to pre-COVID level with two sessions per day running from 10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00. This will provide sufficient time for States Parties and other stakeholders to exchange views, information, opportunities and challenges regarding the implementation of the Treaty. In addition, this decision will make it possible to organise the first meeting of the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF).
5. The details of registration and other logistical arrangements for the Conference including the organisation of the DIEF meeting will be communicated to all ATT stakeholders in due course.

6. As our focus now turns towards the forthcoming Conference and the substantive work ahead, I wish you well in your preparations and thank you all once again for your patience and constructive participation in our efforts to move the ATT process forward.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Göbel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ambassador Thomas GÖBEL

President: Eighth Conference of States Parties to the ATT