

Ninth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP9)

Matters pertaining to the Secretariat

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At the outset, I would like to thank you for your wise leadership throughout the last twelve months, while presiding over the Arms Trade Treaty and chairing the Management Committee.

Also, allow me to appreciate all the tireless efforts by the office holders and the Secretariat. Special thanks belong to our Management Committee colleagues from Costa Rica, China, United Kingdom, and South Africa.

In executing its mandate and decisions of the Conferences, the Management Committee undertook following activities:

- Developed its programme of work.
- Provided oversight over the process for the issuance of invoices for financial contributions to the current budget, as well as for the notification of States of their outstanding assessed financial contributions.
- Elaborated and conducted several consultations on the Management Committee draft proposal on the review of the programme of work. To be covered separately by Costa Rica under this agenda item.
- Discussed the need to start a recruitment process for the new Head of the ATT Secretariat and decided to recommend to CSP9 the establishment of an Evaluation Committee, consisting of members of the Management committee and the Bureau, to proceed with a merit-based recruitment process to secure a candidate for consideration by CSP10.
- Furthermore, we reviewed the 2023 budget estimates prior to their submission to States Parties.
- And we prepared this report outlining activities undertaken in the period between the Conferences.

While undertaking our responsibilities, we did not incur any financial expenditure to be carried by the ATT budget.