



**FOURTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY
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Control Arms welcomes the sponsorship fund which is crucial to ensuring global participation in the ATT CSP and in the intersessional process. Control Arms supports the proposal that the management of the sponsorship programme should move from UNDP to the ATT Secretariat to create a one-stop shop for services related to the CSP.

In addition to supporting this fund, we urge governments to also support the Control Arms Sponsorship Fund to enable the attendance of globally diverse civil society at the CSP and associated meetings. This is essential to ensure that the voices of people from all regions, including those affected by the proliferation and misuse of arms, are heard and reflected in the discussions and outcomes of these meetings.

At this CSP, Control Arms has a delegation from Africa, Asia, Americas, Caribbean, Europe, Middle East and Pacific. Our diverse and gender-balanced delegation, with experience and varied knowledge of ATT activities, has spoken at and actively engaged with multiple side events, as well as held numerous bilateral and regional meetings with States present. Delegates will be sharing reports of the CSP back in their regions with many other civil society organisations as well as government officials.

We thank Germany, New Zealand and Sweden for their contributions to Control Arms Sponsorship Fund, and encourage other governments to also contribute for the ongoing CSP process.

Thank you.