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First Informal Preparatory Meeting
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Control Arms welcomes the sponsorship fund which is crucial to ensuring global participation in the ATT Conferences of States Parties and associated Working Group and Preparatory Committee meetings. We see value in the Sponsorship fund being managed by the ATT Secretariat for a number of reasons, not least because it has access to information, such as the database of ATT national points of contact, which can facilitate the participation of those government officials who play a key role in the Treaty's universalization and implementation.

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

Our cost-effective programme is open to all members of civil society and has been operating for over 10 years. Our diverse and gender-balanced delegation, with experience and varied knowledge of all aspects of the ATT, actively engages in Plenary discussions, organises side events, and holds bilateral and regional meetings with States to discuss ways in which we can support accession to and implementation of the ATT.

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