

**Statement from Control Arms Interim Board
on the appointment of a Chair and funding news**

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Chairperson elected

The Control Arms Interim Board (IB) is delighted to announce the appointment of Ivan Marques as its new Chairperson.

Ivan Marques has been involved with the Control Arms Coalition since 2014 and served until September as Executive Director of Instituto Sou da Paz- a non-governmental organization working to reduce levels of violence in Brazil. Ivan commented: *“I’m delighted to be IB chair. All Interim Board members are working hard during the current strategic review of Control Arms to build a better and stronger coalition. One which is more inclusive, transparent and able to help members take action where it is most needed to prevent the proliferation and misuse of conventional arms and to reduce armed violence.”*

The seven-person Interim Board was established in November 2019 and comprises a combination of former Board members and new members chosen by coalition members from each of the world’s regions. The IB’s purpose is to provide leadership and oversight to Control Arms, support the staff team, and implement a process to establish a new Board, working in partnership with the wider Coalition.

The IB will meet at least once a month with work organized into three sub-committees committees: Finance, Human Resources, and Communications.

New sponsorship

We are also delighted to announce news of a significant new funding commitment from the Government of Switzerland to strengthen the Coalition’s work in Geneva in 2020-21. We are grateful to the Swiss Government for this support which will ensure CA can continue to play a key role in identifying, scrutinising and focussing attention on irresponsible arms transfers and the management of the ATT in Geneva.

Next steps



Immediate next steps for the IB include establishing and implementing a process for the recruitment of an Interim Director and listening to the views and expertise from across the coalition with respect to the future shape of the organisation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Control Arms Secretariat staff team for the impact they continue to achieve and their incredible commitment to Control Arms' mission. Over the next six months we look forward to working closely with the staff team as well as Coalition members and funding partners to strengthen Control Arms and make progress on its core objective: to end the flows of arms and ammunition that fuel conflict, poverty and human rights violations and abuses.