

**Statement from the Chairperson of the Interim Board on the leadership of the Control Arms**

**Secretariat**

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I hope this message finds you well as we all adjust to the new global reality.

Here at Control Arms, we have some good news to share with you regarding establishing new leadership for our Secretariat.

In the absence of a Director, over the last six months, the Interim Board (IB) has been working closely with the Control Arms Secretariat to assist with operational issues and decision-making in the areas of Finance, Human Resources, and Communication.

As a next step in improving the effectiveness of Control Arms, the IB has taken action to strengthen the leadership structure within the Secretariat.

**We are very pleased to announce that Raluca Muresan and Cindy Ebbs will be stepping up as Acting Co-Directors of Control Arms, while retaining their current responsibilities as Programme Manager and Senior Policy Advisor.** As Acting Co-Directors, they will now have increased decision-making responsibilities, which will significantly enhance the efficiency of the organization.

Over several years, Cindy and Raluca have proven their capacity and skills to run the Secretariat by upholding the demonstrated excellence of Control Arms' projects and campaigns and maintaining strong relationships with members and partners. They have the Interim Board's full confidence to act as the leadership of the Secretariat during this period, which includes our New York and Geneva offices as well as the ATT Monitor project.

For more information on their professional backgrounds, you can view Raluca and Cindy's LinkedIn profiles here -- [Raluca](#) / [Cindy](#).

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to say the IB will continue to work in consultation with coalition members on the transition towards a permanent Board and to focus on fundraising, including to support the position of a permanent Executive Director.

My best regards,

Ivan Marques  
Chairperson  
Control Arms Interim Board