



## **BELGIUM**

### **Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty**

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#### **Agenda Item 9. Matters pertaining to Financial Contributions**

Belgium thanks the Management Committee for its continued efforts to reach a compromise on this difficult issue. The fact of the matter is that the financial situation of the Treaty remains deeply concerning and needs to be addressed urgently. In light of the build-up of unsustainable budget deficits, all measures foreseen within the framework of the Treaty and the financial rules should be applied to induce States that are in arrears to pay their outstanding contributions. In that respect Belgium supports the automatic application of financial rule 8 (1) d) to all States Parties whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years, as well as the draft guidelines concerning financial arrangements with the Secretariat.