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  3. QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CIFTA

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The Technical Secretariat of the Consultative Committee of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA) is pleased to submit this report on the status of signatures and ratifications of the CIFTA, the Directory of CIFTA Authorities, and the Questionnaire on the implementation and effectiveness of the CIFTA for 2024.

**Status of signatures and ratifications of the CIFTA**

To date, 31 states have ratified or acceded to the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials.

On May 21, 2024, the Technical Secretariat distributed document CIFTA/CC‑XXIV /doc.10/24, which contains the official report on the status of ratifications as of that date.

**Directory of CIFTA Authorities**

The Technical Secretariat distributed document CIFTA/CC‑XXIV/doc.1/24 on April 12, 2024, requesting the member states to provide contact information for their national authorities involved with the CIFTA. On May 21, 2024, the Technical Secretariat distributed an updated version of the Directory of National Authorities (CIFTA/CC-XXIV/doc.11/24), with updated details for Argentina, Belize, El Salvador, Guyana, Mexico, Peru, and Saint Lucia.

The Technical Secretariat urges the member states to provide the General Secretariat, through the Technical Secretariat of the CIFTA, with any information they have on appointments or changes.

**Questionnaire on the implementation and effectiveness of the CIFTA**

As delegations will recall, the "Questionnaire on the Implementation and Effectiveness of the CIFTA" was meant to serve as a tool to help member states understand the extent to which the provisions of this convention and the model legislation have been implemented, as well as their impact on domestic laws.

In the 2018-2022 Course of Action for the Operation and Implementation of CIFTA, which was adopted at the Fourth Conference of the States Parties, states are asked to send the Technical Secretariat every two years updated information on the status of CIFTA implementation.

On April 12th, the Technical Secretariat distributed document CIFTA/CC-XXIV/doc.2/24 requesting member states that have not done so in 2022 or 2023, or that have updates to report, to kindly send in their questionnaires. Seven updated questionnaires have been received during the 2023-2024 period – from Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, and Peru. Member states that have not submitted questionnaires in 2023 or 2024, or that need to update them, are requested to send them in to the General Secretariat through the CIFTA Technical Secretariat.

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