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2019-2020 REPORT

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 the 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 as of 2020.

**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 December 14, 2020, the Technical Secretariat distributed document CIFTA/CC‑XX/doc.8/20, which officially reports the status of ratifications as of that date.

**Directory of CIFTA Authorities**

On December 8, 2020, the Technical Secretariat distributed document CIFTA/CC‑XX/doc.6/20, wherein it requests member states to provide the contact information for their national authorities connected with the CIFTA. On December 16, 2020, the Technical Secretariat distributed an updated version of the Directory of Authorities (CIFTA/CC-XX/doc.9/20 rev. 1), with updated information from Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and the United States.

The Technical Secretariat urges member states to send the General Secretariat any information on appointments or changes, through the CIFTA Technical Secretariat.

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

As the delegations may recall, the “Questionnaire on the Implementation and Effectiveness of CIFTA” was designed as a vehicle to help member states find out the level of implementation of the provisions of this Convention and model legislation, as well as their impact on domestic laws.

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

During the 2019-2020 period, five updated questionnaires were received: from Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, and Peru. Member states that did not submit the questionnaires in 2019 or 2020, or those needing to update them, are being asked to send them to the General Secretariat through the CIFTA Technical Secretariat.

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