

**Follow-up after informal ATT
strategy consultation,
Tuesday 21 July 2026**



As we approach the half-way point in the two-year process to develop an ATT five-year strategy, we see the latest 'proposed draft elements for a five-year strategy for the ATT' as containing much that will ultimately be useful. At the same time, however, it reads more as a very broad list of possibilities for inclusion without giving a strong sense of direction or prioritisation. This view seemed to be shared by several of the contributors to the informal consultation of 21 July, with a number of points being raised by multiple delegates which we feel were moving us in the right direction. These included:

- Situating the strategy explicitly within the context of advancing the Treaty's Object and Purpose.
- Within that overarching (object and purpose) framing, prioritising and focusing the strategy on Articles 6 and 7.
- Incorporating perspectives and expertise from the Gender Focal Points to strengthen cross-cutting gender considerations throughout the strategy.

Regarding the process of developing the strategy from this point, we see it as important to be as inclusive as practical. We therefore favour adopting a 'Friends of the President' approach rather than limiting the detailed discussions on the strategy throughout the CSP13 cycle to only the Management Committee and Chairs of Subsidiary Bodies. We see a more inclusive approach the best way to ensure broad-based ownership and to avoid any real or perceived imbalance of power within the Treaty structure. To this end, we support the following suggestions from the consultation:

- Strengthening and elaborating meaningful participation of civil society and international/regional organisations in the development and implementation of the strategy
- Undertaking regional consultations to ensure broad (geographical) ownership of the strategy among States Parties, but also involving signatories and other states, as well as other stakeholders including civil society.

There have been occasions where the conversation to date has felt unclear as to the level at which a strategy would operate. One expression of this is that in the 'proposed draft elements' there are references to items that seemed more about individual state practice than about the more general collective endeavour of States Parties.

During the informal consultation it was proposed to develop a common checklist to strengthen risk assessments in line with Article 6 and 7. While we can definitely see the value in this, we do not see it as a strategic objective in itself. We see it instead as being kept for further discussion once a strategy with clear objectives has been agreed and adopted. Focusing on implementation actions at this stage risks the development of a workplan with a set of tasks, rather than establishing a strategic direction for the next five years of the Treaty.

We recognise real potential value in the suggestion raised during the consultation for States Parties to update their initial reports, which could then provide a baseline for monitoring and evaluating progress. We do however acknowledge that despite repeated requests over several years for States Parties to provide these updates, very few have so far done so. We would therefore welcome further consideration – for example during CSP12 or a specific informal consultation – on how to encourage better performance in this area.

Finally, Saferworld would welcome clarity from the ATT Extended Bureau, States Parties, and all relevant subsidiary bodies about next steps for the strategy process. As expressed in the informal consultation on 21 July, there is a clear need to prioritise and narrow the scope of the strategy to ensure progress and measurable success. Who ultimately decides how to narrow down?

One possible next step would be to hold a dedicated discussion or consultation on the most important current Treaty implementation challenges or gaps as identified by States Parties and other relevant stakeholders. We believe that this would aid prioritisation among the comprehensive list of thematic and cross-cutting areas outlined in the draft elements document.