



Action Sécurité Ethique Républicaines

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Thank Mr President

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, Action Sécurité Ethique Républicaines welcomes the report of the Voluntary Trust Fund Working Group. The new criteria presented show a real maturation in the will to put in place a clear, comprehensible, fair and transparent process in the choice of future projects.

We know that we must rely on assessments of past experiences. They are the safest ways we can count on to make progress in the accuracy of future project selections and concerns failures and good practices. In this case, the experience with Zambia gives a clear signal of a new State Party's requirement for the TCA to have the expected efficiency of the funding allocated in general, and of the VTF in particular. It seems that the Controlarms budget, presented at the time, did not meet the criteria of rigor and efficiency that the VTF and the beneficiary country were entitled to expect. It's a quiet little revolution that has taken place and we can only rejoice. It corresponds to the wishes we had last year when we observed that project financing was too often absorbed by the expensive operation of organizations in the north, with expensive offices and vertiginous directors' salaries.

Why in the future, do not also develop criteria to prevent the abuse of some NGOs to help States to a better choice? They could be based on simple principles such as accountability, transparency in finances and activity, at least for members of the organization, a limit in salaries and administrative costs of the organization.

Mr President, ladies and gentlemen, many States have rightly noted the importance of the role of civil society, including NGOs, in the implementation of the ATT. This engages us even more in our operations and the best arguments to call upon the states that can to increase their contributions of this assistance.

Thank you, Mr. President

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