

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

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Thank you, Mr. Chair

The ATT Monitor, an independent project of Control Arms, would like to thank the Working Group and the ATT Secretariat for continuing to provide resources and guidance on reporting during this intersessional period prior to CSP10.

As of today, two weeks from the deadline for States Parties to submit annual reports for 2023, only eight reports have been submitted to the ATT Secretariat. Positively, the majority of them were made publicly available on the ATT Secretariat website. Our analysis shows that the rate of on time reporting continues to decline compared to previous years. As a reference, only 38 States Parties had submitted their annual reports by the deadline of 31st May last year, becoming the lowest on time reporting rate in the history of the Treaty.

Because annual reporting is an obligation in Article 13.3, there is still work to be done to support full compliance with these obligations by all States Parties. Today is a timely moment to encourage States Parties that have yet to submit their annual reports to utilize all the resources developed by the WGTR, the ATT Secretariat and civil society initiatives like the ATT Monitor. In particular, I would like to draw attention to the <u>latest practical guidelines to submit annual reports produced by the ATT Monitor</u>. These guidelines offer step-by-step instructions for completing annual reports, accompanied by concrete examples. Both English and Spanish versions of these resources are accessible on the ATT Monitor website.

We also encourage regional champions identified by the ATT Secretariat to share concrete examples of their practices developed over time, which can benefit countries struggling to meet their reporting obligations. This exchange of information is crucial, and examples of South-South cooperation would add significant value.

The ATT Monitor welcomes the recommendations of the WGTR for CSP10 and stands ready to support States Parties throughout this month and after with the ultimate goal of achieving transparency in annual reporting.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.