The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is the first international treaty that formally recognizes the linkage between the arms trade and gender-based violence. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recently presented to the Human Rights Council a report on the impact of arms transfers on the enjoyment of human rights of women and girls (A/HRC/44/29). The report examines specific ways that diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers may increase gender-based violence against women and girls, including sexual violence and domestic violence. It places this issue within the broader context of preventing human rights violations against women and girls.

This side event provides an opportunity to present and discuss the findings and recommendations of the report with a view to continue raising awareness of the synergies between the work of the Human Rights Council and other human rights mechanisms, the OHCHR and the ATT bodies and mechanisms in the field of arms transfers and human rights.

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