

Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) ATT Monitor, February 2022

Agenda Item 2: Challenges concerning reporting

Co-Chairs

The ATT Monitor commends again the Working Group co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat on the comprehensive efforts made to support States Parties in fully implementing reporting obligations.

There are a number of research organizations and civil society resources that serve as a source of information on the implementation of the ATT and contribute research and analysis to help strengthen Treaty implementation efforts and improve the transparency of the conventional arms trade.

Specifically, the ATT Monitor supports States in addressing their reporting challenges by:

- Synthesizing information and analyzing trends and developments on ATT reporting compliance to advance the Treaty's universalisation and implementation
- Assessing standards of national reporting (Article 13) and relevant transparency commitments
- Providing country-by-country analysis on reporting and transfer practices
- Identifying patterns and trends of exports/imports of conventional weapons and reporting them against ATT criteria

ATT stakeholders can look to ATT Monitor Annual Reports for information about reporting obligations, examples of challenges and good practices, and concrete recommendations for how they may address those challenges. For example, in the 2021 Annual Report the ATT Monitor assessed the first five years of ATT annual reporting to determine whether such reporting has lived up to the promise and requirements of the ATT. It found that a number of reporting trends threaten to undermine both transparency in the global arms trade and States Parties' commitments to the object and purpose of the Treaty.

The ATT Monitor commends the efforts taken by both the CSP6 and CSP7 Presidencies to conduct outreach with respect to those States Parties that have consistently been unable to fulfill their reporting obligations. In addition to other elements of the "Outreach strategy on reporting", engaging with States on a bilateral basis not only serves as a reminder of reporting obligations, but also provides an opportunity for States to raise concerns that might help tailor support and assistance in fulfilling their reporting obligations.



We also welcome the ATT Secretariat's monitoring of the individualized letters sent out by the President of CSP7 and commends those States Parties who submitted initial and annual reports in response to these letters.

Thank you