
Side event: “Revisiting Arms Transfers to Yemen: Developments and Insights on Articles 6 and 7 since 2014”



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Starting at 13:30



Conference Room E, CICG, Geneva
Switzerland

The conflict in Yemen, which began in **2014**, was the source of widespread violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. As a number of ATT States Parties were major arms exporters to the warring parties, the war was the first major test of compliance with the ATT.

What have been **the lessons learnt** for campaigners which **advocated against arms transfers to the warring parties** involved in the Yemen conflict? And **what is happening now** in Yemen?

Since the Yemen conflict, what key developments—**legal, political, or normative**—now **influence decisions around authorising arms transfers**? For example, are ATT States Parties now taking into account the recipient state's commitment to the **Political Declaration on the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas signed in 2022** when making transfer decisions? Are the parts and components that comprise major systems subject to greater oversight? Has there been greater scrutiny on the threat of diversion? What **other recent developments** are relevant in this context?

Finally, what opportunities and lessons can be drawn from the Yemen experience for organisations currently challenging arms transfers in **other ongoing conflicts**?

Join us as we explore these questions and much more at this side event.
Light lunch will be served.

Save the date!

List of Speakers



Ms. Khawla Alrowaishan:

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