

Arms Trade Treaty 9CSP – August 2023 - Intervention on Role of Industry

Australia thanks the President for bringing focus to this important topic. We also thank the panellists for their insightful presentations.

As the President's paper makes clear, ATT obligations rest on States Parties, but industry actors are required to comply with national laws, regulations and procedures that States put in place to comply with the ATT.

The paper sets out a sensible approach to re-engaging industry, including its recommendations on raising awareness and sharing practices and policies.

Industry plays a significant role in the responsible international transfer of conventional arms and Australia supports efforts to improve industry awareness.

In Australia, outreach to industry is led by the export control authority. Australia's outreach is focused on ensuring industry compliance with domestic regulation, including licensing requirements and procedures.

Australia would be pleased to share its experiences and approaches to industry outreach with States Parties and sees value in this topic being included in the ATT's future program of work.

We support engaging industry in ATT-related events in a targeted way, like the excellent workshop convened by the Republic of Korea and UNIDIR earlier this year.

We also thank Austria, Ireland and Mexico for their paper. We are studying the paper with interest and look forward to discussing it further.

Thank you.