Recent dynamics and trends in the illicit trafficking and diversion of arms worldwide offer new evidence of the complexity of its links to other criminal markets and the harms and challenges they pose to the society, security and the rule of law. Firearms play a central role as enablers of violent crimes and as enhancers of the power of criminal organizations.

To encourage a more comprehensive understanding of these links and challenges, this ATT side event seeks to deepen the discussion on the complex links between illicit arms trafficking and other forms of organized crime and to raise awareness on the role that other actors such as the industry and civil society can play to address the issues. Through a "criminal markets" approach, this side-event looks to foster a collective reflection on experiences at the national, regional and multilateral levels to better assess the risks of these links, including through a presentation of a GI-TOC analysis in this regard.

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