

**Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
Transparency and Reporting**

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Thank you, Co-Chairs,

Transparency is fundamental to achieving the goals and objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty. The primary tool to achieve transparency is timely, comprehensive and meaningfully transparent reporting as required by Article 13.

Regrettably, less than half of States Parties have fulfilled all of their ATT annual reporting requirements in any given year, as reported by the ATT Monitor 2021 Report. More worrisome still is that the percentage of meaningfully transparent reports fell from 46 per cent to 30 per cent over the 2015–2019 period. This decline in compliance, coupled with an increase in private reporting, undermines transparency and hinders the ability to assess the Treaty's effectiveness. For this reason, Control Arms calls on States Parties to submit their initial and annual reports - no matter how late they may be.

We also urge States Parties to submit updates to ATT initial reports. To date, only five states in the Treaty's seven year history have done so. Sharing improvements to national control systems improves compliance and brings us closer to achieving a core Treaty objective: to develop the highest possible common international standards for regulating the international trade in conventional arms.

Control Arms welcomes the proposed amendments to the reporting templates. We believe the revised templates will allow for more accessibility, coherence and precision in reporting, and we support the WGTR's recommendation to monitor their impact and usefulness. Keeping a consistent record with comparable impact data can help identify successes and challenges and will ensure that States Parties receive the support needed to fulfil their reporting obligations.

Control Arms supports the Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF) Chair's recommendations to hold the inaugural DIEF meeting as soon as is feasible, and to review its ToRs and the usefulness of the forum following two cycles of DIEF meetings. Even though the closed nature of the DIEF limits transparency and inclusivity in the ATT process, we call on States Parties to fully engage to enable an accurate review of its utility. At the same time, Control Arms encourages regular communication between the DIEF Chair and the sub-working Group on Article 11 to ensure that all ATT stakeholders benefit from the lessons learned within this closed forum.



We also take this opportunity to encourage the WGTR to consider developing a public feature to the private information exchange platform that would allow broader and more inclusive exchanges among ATT stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention.