

## **Working Group on Transparency and Reporting**

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The ATT Monitor, a project of Control Arms, extends its gratitude to the Working Group and the ATT Secretariat for their ongoing support during this intersessional period leading to CSP10.

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the ATT, we would like to emphasize the critical role of transparency and reporting in effective Treaty implementation. Currently, no annual report on arms exports and imports for 2023 has been submitted to the ATT Secretariat. While recognizing it might be early, we want to encourage States Parties and the ATT Secretariat to collaborate with national points of contact to ensure a higher on-time reporting rate by the May 31, 2024 deadline compared to 2023.

On initial reporting, we commend Namibia for submitting its initial report and appreciate their trust in Control Arms to enhance their national control system. We anticipate the prompt submission of their overdue annual reports.

Updates to initial reports are crucial for monitoring changes in States Parties' national control systems. Those who have introduced modifications are strongly urged to communicate these updates to the ATT Secretariat. We note that several States Parties, including Austria, Chile, Kazakhstan, and New Zealand, announced amendments, upcoming or realized, to their national control systems during the CSP9 cycle. We look forward to those changes being reflected in updated initial reports.

On a previously removed agenda item, we wish to underscore the importance of a searchable database for information derived from initial and annual reports submitted by States Parties. The ATT Monitor has been collecting arms transfer data based on publicly available annual reports since 2015, forming the core of our annual ATT Monitor Report. This data is crucial for analyzing transparency trends and identifying challenges in reporting accurately, comprehensively, and consistently.

This year, we will be launching an online dashboard displaying various categories of information from States Parties' 2022 annual reports, with the intent to expand it to include data from 2015 onwards. The dashboard will offer more comprehensive insights into arms imports and exports compared to our current ATT Monitor Country Profiles.



We eagerly look forward to States Parties feedback upon the dashboard's launch and remain committed to collaborating with all ATT stakeholders to promote transparency and advance the Treaty's goals.

Thank you, Chair.