Thematic debate on “Post Shipment Controls”
(continued from PrepMeet-1)

A wide range of measures can be implemented to ensure that the end user’s assurances in arms trade are adhered to, to prevent the diversion of the arms supplied, and to continue good-faith cooperation of exporter and importer states at the post-delivery stage of arms exports. These measures include various forms of controls or checks post-shipment: formal assurances by the importing state, reporting requirements on the export, regular screening of reports of possible diversion incidents (including via information exchanges within the ATT), audits of the exporting entities by the competent authorities of the exporting state, as well as mechanisms that allow an exporting state to inspect the supplied military items itself on-site.

On the occasion of the second preparatory conference for CSP-8, Germany, supported by Switzerland and Canada, will offer a second workshop on PSCs to continue the work started at PrepMeet-1. The results of both workshops will form the basis for a paper summarizing the discussions and providing a toolbox for the implementation of PSCs. It will be introduced in time for the CSP8 thematic discussion. The workshop shall touch upon the following issues, without being limited to them:

- Different solutions regarding the introduction of post-shipment controls focusing on on-site visits (e.g. legal requirements and preconditions, coordination with the end-user);
- Operational challenges (human resources, safety and security, involved authorities, reporting)
- Economic aspects of PSCs and the perspective of the industry.

PrepMeet-2, Second Workshop on PSCs, 26 April 2022; hosted as a video conference by Germany, supported by Switzerland and Canada

Agenda

16:15 – 16:20
Welcome address
Ambassador Thomas Göbel

16:20 – 16:40
Post-Shipment-Controls and the ATT Framework - Relevance of the Instrument
Canada and the UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

16:40 – 17:00
Execution of Post-Shipment Controls in Practice - Lessons learned
Switzerland and Industry representative (DND)

17:00 - 17:25
The Implementation of Post-Shipment Controls in Export Control Regimes – Best Practice
Germany (BAFA) and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

17:25 – 17:40
Q&A

17:40 – 17:45
Closing remarks – Way forward to CSP-8
Ambassador Thomas Göbel