

**FIFTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
ARMS TRADE TREATY
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**WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT
Head of Secretariat**

Thank you, Mr. President.

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual Use Goods and Technologies, I welcome this opportunity to join you again and wish the Conference every success.

The WA and the ATT are making complementary contributions to promoting transparency and responsibility in transfers of conventional arms, thus contributing to international peace and security by preventing destabilising accumulations, as well as their acquisition by terrorists.

The WA is ready to share its many years of experience as an intergovernmental information-sharing and standard-setting forum in this field.

The WA Munitions List can be considered a readily available model for developing or strengthening national control lists in line with the ATT. Also potentially useful, as ATT States Parties pursue domestic implementation of key provisions of the Treaty, are the various non-binding WA guidelines developed and updated over the years. These cover export risk assessment and other aspects of export control practice, including regulation of transit, trans-shipment and brokering activities, measures to prevent diversion and measures to strengthen effective enforcement, as well as procedures for fulfilling national reporting obligations. Both the WA Munitions List and the Compendium of Best Practices are available on the WA website and in hard copy.

Indeed, a number of non-WA countries already base their national export controls on the WA's Control Lists and best practices, either directly or indirectly – e.g. by applying the consolidated European Union (EU) Control Lists.

Mr. President, the WA pursues an active outreach programme aimed at encouraging effective export control systems around the world. It seeks to foster synergies with other international bodies working in similar areas. It also recognises the importance of engagement with industry and the research sector.

WA outreach includes collective policy and technical briefings for non-WA states, in which many countries at this Conference already participate. The WA seeks to tailor outreach to the needs and interests of partners, and is open to considering bilateral dialogue and visits, as well as events with a regional or thematic focus. The WA is considering holding its next Enhanced Technical Briefing in mid-2020 in Vienna. WA Participating States also undertake export control outreach in their national and/or regional capacities.

Mr. President, I hope that opportunities will continue to be taken to build on the alignment of purpose between the ATT and the WA. The endeavours of both organisations help to build confidence and common understandings among states in the regulation of international transfers of conventional arms and the prevention of their diversion to illicit purposes, without impeding legitimate trade.

I and my colleagues stand ready to facilitate any requests for information or assistance that States Parties wish to refer to us through the ATT Secretariat.

Thank you.