

## **Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (CAVR) Intervention on Implementation**

Thank you Mr. Chair for giving the floor to CAVR, the Centre for Armed Violence Reduction.

Thank you also to all involved in preparing for and running this CSP.

CAVR works primarily with limited-capacity states, assisting them to upgrade their arms control systems to meet ATT and other international standards. In our experience, ATT implementation can proceed more quickly and effectively with access to some simple, customised technical resources.

These resources usually include:

- Software for Customs, Police and Defence which enables them to track and manage arms transfers in accordance with their national laws and to report simply and accurately;
- Legislative drafting;
- An accession proposal addressing the national interest;
- Interagency training and coordination tools; and
- National Control List development.

With support from the VTF and the Governments of Australia and Switzerland, CAVR works with states on these practical resources in a way which enhances the national system and effectively implements the treaty. We acknowledge the importance of taking a systems approach and not just providing template tools.

Much of our focus over the past year has been supporting States in the Pacific. We are keen to continue that support though also tailor these resources for more States in other regions. No country should be forced to delay implementation because of lack of access to the national software and text they need.

The implementation software and support package which we have developed is now called ArmsTracker. By the end of this financial year, it will be operational in relevant agencies in over a third of all Pacific Island Countries and in ECOWAS West Africa. Representatives from many more countries have expressed an interest and we are keen to ensure it is installed and operating effectively wherever needed as soon as possible.

We are grateful for the support we have received and look forward to continuing our support to ensure ATT implementation.