In-person Side-event during the ATT CSP8: Taking Stock of the Arms Trade Treaty's Impact on Efforts to Prevent, Detect, and Address Diversion

Wednesday, 24 August 2022, 13:15-14:45 CEST

WHAT: A core objective of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is to prevent and eradicate the illicit trade of conventional arms and prevent their diversion. Since 2020, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Conflict Armament Research (CAR), and Stimson Center have examined the progress made by States Parties to prevent, detect, and address diversion since the Treaty's entry into force in order to identify and promote knowledge on effective counter-diversion measures.

UNIDIR, CAR, and Stimson Center are pleased to invite you to a launch event for a new methodological tool that interested States Parties can use to assess the existence and efficacy of counter-diversion measures, as well as share key findings from a pilot test of the tool with a small sample of ATT States Parties. The event will take stock of the ATT's contributions to enhancing national and multilateral efforts to tackle diversion and discuss options and avenues to promote the establishment and strengthening of sustainable measures within the framework of the ATT that create an enabling environment for countering the diversion of conventional arms.

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Rainer Schmiedchen, German Federal Foreign Office

Panelists:

- Brian Wood: UNIDIR consultant and Lead author, Initial Impact Assessment Study Report
- Ryan Fletcher: Stimson Center
- Anna Mensah: UNIDIR

Closing Remarks:

Commander Stéphane Audrand, French Ministry of Armed Forces

Moderator:

Himayu Shiotani, Conflict Armament Research

VENUE: Room F, CICG (ATT CSP8 Conference venue)

RSVP: For any questions or further queries please contact Ruben Nicolin (<u>ruben.nicolin1@un.org</u>)

Strengthening Shared Understanding on the Impact of the Arms Trade Treaty in Addressing Risks of Diversion in Arms Transfers is a joint research endeavour by UNIDIR, Conflict Armament Research (CAR), and the Stimson Center. The objective of the research is to enhance knowledge and facilitate dialogue among States to strengthen shared understanding on the impact of the Arms Trade Treaty in addressing risks of diversion in arms transfers, and to identify options and avenues for more effective policies and practices under the Treaty moving forward. This joint research is supported by the Governments of France and Germany.

