



The Arms Trade Treaty & Diversion: Assessing Risks and Impacts

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Virtual discussion on the occasion of the 6th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty

The event will be held within the context of the research titled “*Strengthening shared understanding on the impact of the ATT in addressing risks of diversion in arms transfers*”, launched in 2020 by Conflict Armament Research, the Small Arms Survey, the Stimson Center and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. The research aims to enhance knowledge and facilitate dialogue 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 to further promote effective policies and practices under the Treaty moving forward.

The event is a conversation with the research community and government officials leading the work on diversion within the ATT process. It will consider the ways in which processes under the Treaty – including the working groups of the Conference of States Parties – are facilitating and promoting implementation of effective counter-diversion measures. The aim is to discuss the efforts undertaken within these processes and how they contribute to strengthening national and multilateral approaches to prevent, mitigate and respond to diversion at the national and multilateral level.

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