



**Control Arms intervention on reporting as delivered by  
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Mr Chairman,

My name is Marek Marczyński, I am the Head of Military, Security and Police Team at Amnesty International in London. Control Arms, which Amnesty International is part of, believes that fully transparent and publicly available reporting will build confidence amongst States, allowing States to demonstrate how they are implementing the treaty, and provide a basis for other States and civil society to assess how the ATT is being applied in practice. It will also allow for targeted cooperation and assistance to help build capacity amongst states as outlined in Articles 15 and 16 of the ATT.

We are disappointed that civil society has not been able to meaningfully input into the process of developing the templates since the first template draft. Control Arms is concerned that the current templates do not live up to the standard of transparency established in the treaty.

Reporting templates can help guide States' deliberations on what sort of information to provide in their reports. A template is particularly useful for those States that have limited capacities or experience with reporting on national systems for the control of arms exports and the regulation of other forms of transfers. A template can also ensure that different governments provide similar information, which allows for objective analysis and identification of best practices.

According to the working group chair, some criticized the first draft of the proposed templates as too burdensome. In the case of the initial report, the template should reflect the operational provisions of the ATT. Further, this report needs only to be completed once and then only updated as needed. As an example, 49 of the 69 States Parties have already submitted their Baseline Assessment Surveys, demonstrating the ability and interest of States to complete comprehensive implementation reports.

In the case of annual reports on arms exports and imports, States should strive to provide a comprehensive picture of their arms transfers. States should aim to include information on both authorizations and actual arms deliveries. The size of the transfer should include the number of units as well as the financial value. Providing States with an option to report on small arms and light weapons by aggregate will not sufficiently meet transparency needs, thus States should report separately on each category of SALW.

Providing as much information on the details of authorised and actual exports or imports, including end use or end-user information, is particularly crucial. States should strive to provide this information in the "comments" section of a template.

It is important that States Parties adopt comprehensive reporting templates at the first CSP, in order to establish a strong precedent of transparency, which will build confidence in the Treaty. Without transparency, the ATT will not work.