

## Reaction to end of the second Conference of States Parties

**Anna Macdonald, Director of Control Arms, said:** *“We are appalled that this high-level conference on arms control has failed to address the war crimes committed against civilians in Yemen using arms supplied by Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) parties and signatories.*

*“As a result of States’ negligence this week, people will continue to die. The ATT was created to stop these kinds of arms sales. It has the potential to save lives - but only if States adhere to it.*

*“The States Parties which are violating the treaty, including the UK and France, and undermining the treaty, such as the US, a Signatory, are not off the hook now the conference is over. We urge them to examine their consciences and immediately halt the transfer of weapons to Saudi Arabia and other warring parties where they are likely to be used in breach of humanitarian and human rights law.*

*“Given States’ reluctance to address Treaty violations at the CSP, the best way to make them more accountable, and ensure such deals do not go ahead in the first place, is by ensuring all arms transfers are made public.*

*“This week, States opted to retain the existing reporting template, which allows them to choose whether they want reports to be made public or stay secret. To date, some states have kept their reports confidential, while others have withheld information.*

*“We urge States to be transparent and open about their arms sales and to meet their legal obligations.”*

**ENDS**

Notes to Editors:

1. Spokespeople are available for interview including Control Arms Director Anna Macdonald. To arrange interviews contact:

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Additional Control Arms Coalition representatives present in Geneva are also available for interview in French, Spanish and Arabic.

2. The Control Arms Coalition is a global civil society movement of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) campaigning for tough controls on the international arms trade. Control Arms represents organisations working in over 120 countries. It includes major international NGOs such as Oxfam, Amnesty International and Saferworld, as well as many regional and national level organisations.