



**Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation  
Sub-Working Group on Article 5**

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Mr Facilitator,

Control Arms believes that implementation of ATT Article 5 is not an end in itself; rather, it is a means to achieving effective implementation of the Treaty. Establishing a national control system is a *sine qua non* in helping States Parties to fulfil their obligations under all Articles from 2 to 14 of the Treaty.

As it currently stands, the Basic Guide to Establishing a National Control System is a good start in terms of providing assistance to States Parties that are seeking to develop or strengthen their national capacity for effective control of international arms transfers. It is clearly a work in progress and it is encouraging to see that additional elements are to be added.

To create a living document, the focus on incorporating additional elements that relate to the implementation of further Treaty articles is crucial. This points to the need to develop further synergies, not only between the WGETI Article 5 sub-group and those addressing Articles 6 & 7 and Article 11, but also with the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting. The recent additions on record-keeping are therefore a positive example of what can be done. Moreover, as Ambassador Dallafior has alluded to in her discussion paper on Gender and ATT Implementation, the implementation of Articles 8, 9 and 10 have yet to be substantively explored by the WGETI, while the issue of enforcement under Article 14 has also been somewhat neglected thus far. Control Arms hopes that attention can soon turn to these aspects so that they may also be discussed in their own right and addressed in the Basic Guide.

Finally, Mr Facilitator, with regard to the new record-keeping component of the Guide, in our view, it is comprehensive and potentially very useful. Record-keeping is an essential internal requirement of a state's arms transfer control system. However, as alluded to in the Guide it is also essential to the compilation of timely and accurate reports – whether for national consumption or due to a state's international obligations. To this end we urge States Parties to include record-keeping and reporting obligations in their national laws so as to ensure that those who are responsible for compiling and submitting reports are able to access the information that is required.

I Thank You Mr. Facilitator.