



**Fifth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty  
Financial Contributions**

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Control Arms fully supports efforts to ensure that all States Parties, Signatories and Observer States pay their dues with respect to the CSP and the Secretariat in a timely manner; the current system based on assessed contributions is fair in our eyes. A failure to meet the relevant financial obligations of being a State Party and/or attending the CSP undermines confidence in and the credibility of the Treaty regime and will inevitably impede its potential to achieve its object and purpose. In the end, it is the victims of the illegal and irresponsible trade in conventional arms who will suffer.

At the same time, the best way to encourage others to meet their Treaty obligations is to meet *all* obligations, not just financial ones. It is odd to question the right of other States Parties to enjoy the full benefits of membership if your own compliance is mixed. Examples here would include: not submitting an annual report by the due date; not submitting an annual report on both exports *and* imports; or failing to apply Articles 6 and 7 without fear or favour. For any State Party to argue that another should lose the privileges of full membership of the Treaty while the first State is authorising arms transfers that are prohibited under Article 6 or where the arms could be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian or human rights law, is like obsessing over the quality of the fiddle-playing, while ignoring the burning of Rome.

Control Arms calls on States Parties to meet *all* their obligations under the ATT, including but not limited to their financial obligations.

Thank you.