

CSP4 SIDE EVENT

Thursday, 23 August

Title:	Strengthening ATT implementation by better understanding diversion risks
Organizer:	<i>Belgian Government & Flemish Peace Institute & Conflict Armament Research</i>
Room:	<i>Room HIBIKI (60 persons)</i>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sigurd Schelstraete (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium): Welcome words</i>• <i>Diederik Cops (Flemish Peace Institute): End use controls in EU member states</i>• <i>Rob Perkins (Conflict Armament Research): Diversion of recently exported weapons into the hands of IS in Syria and Iraq</i>• <i>Nils Duquet (Flemish Peace Institute): Firearms acquisition by terrorists in Europe (Project SAFTE)</i>• <i>Q&A session</i>
Start time:	<i>13:15, Lunch provided</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Sigurd Schelstraete; Sigurd.schelstraete@diplobel.fed.be</i>
Description:	<p><i>States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty are required to take several measures to prevent the diversion of these arms to the illicit market or the unauthorized end use of such arms, for example by assessing the risks of diversion during export control procedures and by sharing relevant information with one another such as international trafficking routes and sources of illicit supply. States Parties are also encouraged to share information on measures taken that have been proven effective in addressing the diversion of conventional arms. To strengthen the effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty and the measures to prevent the diversion of conventional arms to criminal and terrorist networks, it is of crucial importance to understand the characteristics of such diversion. Yet, in-depth research on this topic has long been underdeveloped.</i></p> <p><i>A number of specialized research groups have in recent years undertaken ground-breaking work on dynamics of diversion. This side-event will present some of the main findings of these studies by examining the different types of measures taken by EU Member States to prevent the unauthorized end use of exported conventional arms and the dynamics behind the diversion of conventional arms into the hands of criminals and terrorists. This way this side event wants to contribute to the development of better prevention measures within the framework of the Arms Trade Treaty.</i></p>