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PROVISIONAL TEMPLATE

INITIAL REPORT ON MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE ARMS TRADE TREATY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13(1)

This provisional template is intended for use by States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty when preparing their initial report in accordance with the Treaty's Article 13(1).

The template is divided into two sections. Section A encompasses information which relates to binding obligations under the Treaty. Section B (shaded) contains information which relates to provisions in the Treaty which are estimated to be binding to a lesser degree, or non-binding.

The division of provisions into binding and non-binding has been undertaken - solely for the purpose of this Template - on the basis of a strict observance of the qualifiers included in the text of the Treaty. Thus,

- if a provision in the text is prefaced with "shall" only, it is considered binding and information on that topic should be provided in the initial report.
- if a provision in the text has qualifiers, such as "shall...subject to its national laws", or "shall...pursuant to national law", or "shall....consistent with national law", or "shall....where necessary/appropriate", then a binding obligation is deemed to exist unless certain conditions are fulfilled and information should be provided at least to indicate whether the obligation is considered applicable or not in the specific national context.
- if States Parties are only encouraged to take, or invited to consider taking, certain actions, the provision is deemed non-binding and information on the topic is voluntary. This category also includes qualifiers such as "may include..." or actions to be initiated "by mutual consent" with another State Party.

In Section B, States Parties are obliged according to Article 13(1) to provide information on the listed measures to the extent that such measures have been undertaken to implement the Treaty. On a voluntary basis, more information may also be provided.

GOVERNMENT OF <u>SIERRA LEONE</u>

INITIAL REPORT ON MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE ARMS TRADE TREATY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ARTICLE 13(1)

This Initial Report may be made publicly available	Yes 🖂	No 🗌
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SECTION A. INFORMATION RELATED TO BINDING OBLIGATIONS IN THE TREATY

1. NATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND LIST

[Arti	verview of legislation and ordinances governing the national control system cle 5(2)] se list below. If the national control system is governed in whole or part by other meances, please indicate these also)	ans than legisl	ation or		
REV	ISED ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT, ARMS AND AMMUNITION REG	ULATION			
B. Tl	ne national control system includes the following:	Yes	No		
i)	competent national authorities (further specified below) [Article 5(5)]	\boxtimes			
ii)	a control list [Article 5(2)]	\boxtimes			
iii)	one or more national points of contact to exchange information on ATT implementation [Article 5(6)]	\boxtimes			
If 'No	o' to any of the items above, please provide background below.				
the T [Arti	C. The national point(s) of contact has (have) been notified to the Secretariat of the Treaty [Article 5(6)] (if 'No', please clarify below) Yes No No				
NAT	TIONAL POINT OF CONTACT NOT YET APPOINTED				
D. Tl	he national control list covers the following:	Yes	No		
i)	Battle tanks [Article 2(1a)]		\boxtimes		
ii)	Armored combat vehicles [Article 2(1b)]		\boxtimes		
iii)	Large-caliber artillery systems [Article 2(1c)]		\boxtimes		
iv)	Combat aircraft [Article 2(1d)]		\boxtimes		
v)	Attack helicopters [Article 2(1e)]		\boxtimes		
vi)	Warships [Article 2(1f)]		\boxtimes		
vii)	Missiles and missile launchers [Article 2(1g)]		\boxtimes		
viii)	Small arms and light weapons [Article 2(1h)]	\boxtimes			
	national control list also includes the following, in order to enable the ication of Articles 3 and 4:	Yes	No		
ix)	Ammunition/Munitions for the conventional arms covered in Article 2(1) [for the application of Article 3]	\boxtimes			
x)	Parts and components in a form that provides the capability to assemble the conventional arms covered in Article 2(1) [for the application of Article 4]	\boxtimes			
If 'No	o' to any of the items above, please provide background below				

(if 'No', please elaborate further below) COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY NOT YET APPOINTED 2. PROHIBITIONS A. The national control system prohibits authorization of transfers as defined by Article 2(2), of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) and items covered under Articles 3 and 4, in the circumstances specified in Articles 6(1) to 6(3) (if 'No' in any respect, please elaborate below) Provided the second of the second o	No □			
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application of Article 6(2) (please list below)				
International Humanitarian Law				
C. International agreements to which the country is a Party, and which are considered relevant for the application of Article 6(3) (please list below)				
Geneva Convention				
3. EXPORTS				
A. The national control system includes the following: Yes	No			
i) an authorization or licensing system for arms exports [Article 5(2)]	\boxtimes			
ii) prohibition assessment guidelines [Article 6]	\boxtimes			
iii) export assessment criteria [Article 7]	\boxtimes			
iv) a risk assessment procedure [Article 7]	\boxtimes			
If 'No' to any of the items above, please provide background below				
SIERRA LEONE IS NOT AN ARMS EXPORTING NATION				
B. National export controls apply to the conventional arms covered under Article 2(1), and the items covered under Articles 3 and 4 (if 'No', please provide further information below) Yes Yes	No 🛚			
Sierra Leone is not an exporting country for conventional arms				
C. The national control system includes measures to ensure that all export authorizations are detailed and issued prior to export [Article 7(5)] (if 'No', please provide further information below) Yes No No				
D. The national risk assessment procedure includes all the criteria described in Article 7(1)(a) and (b), and Article 7(4) (if 'No' in any respect, please elaborate below) Yes No No				
Sierra Leone is not an exporting country for conventional arms				
E. The competent national authority(-ies) for the control of exports [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)				

F. The national control system allows appropriate information about an export authorization to be made available, upon request, to the importing State Party and/or to the transit or trans-shipment States Parties [Article 7(6)] (if 'No' please elaborate below)		No 🏻		
Sierra Leone is not an exporting country for conventional arms	ı			
4. IMPORTS				
A. The national control system includes measures that allow the regulation, where necessary, of imports of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1). [Articles 6(1) to 6(3) and Article 8(2)] (if 'Yes', please provide further information below on the nature of control measures and confirm whether they apply to all items in the national control list. If 'No', please elaborate below)	Yes 🏻	No 🗌		
All regulations are covered in our Arms and Ammunition Act No. 6 of	2012			
If 'Yes', please also answer the following question				
B. The competent national authority(-ies) for the regulation of imports [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)				
ECOWAS Secretariat and Sierra Leone National Commission on Sma	ll Arms (SL	eNCSA)		
C. The national control system allows for the provision, pursuant to national law and upon request, of appropriate and relevant information to assist an export assessment by a potential exporting State Party [Article 8(1)] (if 'No', please elaborate below)				
5. TRANSIT & TRANS-SHIPMENT				
A. The national control system includes measures that allow the regulation, where necessary and feasible, of transit of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) [Articles 6(1) to 6(3) and Article 9] (if 'Yes', please provide further information below on the nature of control measures and confirm whether they apply to all items in the national control list. If 'No', please elaborate below)				
B. The national control system includes measures that allow the regulation, where necessary and feasible, of trans-shipment of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) [Articles 6(1) to 6(3) and Article 9] (if 'Yes', please provide further information below on the nature of control measures and confirm whether they apply to all items in the national control list. If 'No', please elaborate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🏻		
C. Control measures for the regulation of transit and/or trans-shipment cover: (If 'Yes' to (ii) or (iii), please indicate in the free text field how enforcement is conceived - systematic control or only when information is available?)	Yes	No		
i) Transit / trans-shipment through land territory (including internal waters)		\boxtimes		
ii) Transit / trans-shipment through territorial waters		\boxtimes		
iii) Transit / trans-shipment through national air space		\boxtimes		
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D. The competent national authority(-ies) for the regulation of transit and trans-shipment [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)				

6. B	ROKERING		
Artic [Artic (if 'Y and c	ne national control system includes measures that allow the regulation, nant to national laws, of brokering of conventional arms covered under le 2(1) cles 6(1) to 6(3) and Article 10] les', please provide further information below on the nature of control measures onfirm that they apply to all items in the national control list. If 'No', please rate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🏻
[Arti	the definition of brokering used in national legislation cles 6(1) to 6(3) and Article 10] se specify in particular if there are extraterritorial elements in the definition, for instantly resident abroad, or transfers that take place between two third countries)	nce the activi	ties of
[Arti	ne competent national authority(-ies) for the regulation of brokering cle 5(5)] se specify below)		
Non	e		
7. D	IVERSION	1	
conve	easures foreseen in the national control system to prevent the diversion of entional arms covered by Article $2(1)$ cle $11(1)$	Yes	No
i)	assessing the risk of diversion of an export [Article 11(2)] (if 'No', please provide background below)	\boxtimes	
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ii)	cooperation and information exchange, where appropriate and feasible and pursuant to national law, with other States Parties [Article 11(3)] (if 'No', please provide background below)		
pursu diver [Arti	ne national control system includes appropriate measures to be taken, nant to national law and in accordance with international law, when a sion of transferred conventional arms under Article 2(1) has been detected cle 11(4)] To', please elaborate below)	\boxtimes	
8. R	ECORD KEEPING		
A. Th	ne national control system includes provisions for maintaining records rding: cle 12(1)] (mandatory to retain records for one of the two options below)	Yes	No
i)	issued authorizations for the export of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) of the Treaty [Article 12(1)]		\boxtimes
ii)	actual exports of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) of the Treaty [Article 12(1)] (if 'No' to both (i) and (ii), please elaborate below)		\boxtimes
SIER	RA LEONE IS NON EXPORTING COUNTRY OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPON	S	

B. Records are kept for a minimum of 10 years [Article 12(4)] Yes	
(if 'No', please elaborate below)	No 🗌
9. REPORTING	
A. The national control system allows for the provision of information as required by Article 13(3) (if 'No', please elaborate below) Yes	No 🗌
10. ENFORCEMENT	
A. Measures are in place that provide the ability to enforce of the national laws and regulations that implement the provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty [Article 14] (if 'No', please elaborate below)	No 🗌
B. National legislation allows the provision to another State Party of jointly agreed assistance in investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings in relation to violations of national measures established pursuant to this Treaty [Article 15(5)] (if 'No', please elaborate below)	No 🗌
11. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	
A. Cooperation is possible with other States Parties of the Treaty with a view to its effective implementation, where such cooperation is consistent with national law and security interests [Article 15(1)] (if 'No', please elaborate below)	No 🖂
Only Regional Cooperation	
12. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE	
A. National regulations and policy allow for the provision - upon request and if in a position to do so - of implementation assistance as set out in Article 16(1) (if 'No', please elaborate below) Yes	No 🗌
13. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT	
A. National regulations and policy allow for consultations and, by mutual consent, cooperation in the settlement of disputes regarding the interpretation or application of the Treaty by at least one of the means outlined in Article 19(1) (if 'No', please elaborate below)	No 🗌

SECTION B. INFORMATION RELATED TO NON-BINDING PROVISIONS IN THE TREATY

States Parties are obliged according to Article 13(1) to provide information on the measures listed below, to the extent that such measures have been undertaken to implement the Treaty. On a voluntary basis, more information may also be provided

1. NATIC)NAL	CONT	TROL S	SYST	EM AND	LIST
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1. NATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND LIST			
F. Arms for recreational, cultural, historical and sporting purposes are included in the national control list [Article 2(1)(h) & Preamble, 13 th para]	Yes 🖂	No 🗌	
If 'No', please provide further information below, for instance whether a separate set of c these types of arms	ontrols are ap	plied to	
G. Additional categories not listed under Section A1.D are included in the national control list [Article 5(3)] (If 'Yes', please specify below)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	
H. Control list definitions are supplemented by more detailed definitions not in the control list itself [Article 5(3)] (If 'Yes', please provide further information below)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	
I. The national control list is publicly available [Article 5(4)] (if 'Yes', please provide information below as to how your control list is made publicly available - if available on the open internet please provide the hyperlink)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	
J. Additional voluntary information about non-obligatory aspects of a national control system (please elaborate below - for instance regarding inter-agency coordination structures, training systems for relevant officials, transparency and accountability mechanisms, outreach to private actors such as industry, or any ongoing / planned review or change of the national control system or parts thereof)			
2. PROHIBITIONS			
D. Additional voluntary information relevant to prohibitions under Article 6 (please elaborate below)			
3. EXPORTS			
G. The national risk assessment procedure includes the consideration of risk mitigation measures that could be undertaken to mitigate identified risks [Article 7(2)]	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	
(if 'Yes' please elaborate below, including an indication of types of risk mitigation measures that are most often used)			
H. The national control system allows exports of controlled equipment without a licence or under simplified procedure under certain circumstances [for instance temporary exports or exports to trusted partners] (if 'Yes' please provide further information below)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	

I. The national risk assessment procedure includes other criteria not mentioned in the articles cited in 3.D above (if 'Yes' please specify below)	Yes 🗌	No 🛚	
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J. Measures to exercise control over exports are applicable also to other categories of conventional arms than those covered in Articles 2(1), 3 and 4 [Article 5(3)] (if 'Yes', please elaborate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🛚	
K. An export authorization can be reassessed if new relevant information becomes available [Art 7(7)] (if 'Yes', please provide further information below. Are there also legal provisions for suspension or withdrawal of a license?)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	
L. Information / documentation included in an application for an export authorizati (please specify below)	on		
NONE			
M. Apart from the competent national authority, the following ministries or government involved in the decision-making process for an export authorization [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)	ment authori	ties may be	
NONE			
N. The national control system allows a State of final destination to request information concerning pending or actual export authorizations pertaining to it [Article 8(3)] (if 'No', please elaborate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🏻	
O. Additional voluntary information relevant to national export controls (please specify below - for instance on the control of re-exports.)			
NONE			
4. IMPORTS			
D. Imports of conventional arms subject to control are under specific circumstances permitted without regulation or under simplified procedure (if 'Yes' please provide further information below)	Yes 🗌	No 🛚	
E. Measures to regulate imports are applicable also to other categories of conventional arms than those covered in Article 2(1) [Article 5(3)] (if 'Yes', please elaborate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🖾	
F. Apart from the competent national authority, the following ministries or government authorities may be involved in the decision-making process for an import authorization (when such an authorization is required) [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)			
DEFENCE MINISTRY, INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY & NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SMALL ARMS			
G. Information / documentation required for an import authorization			

(please specify below)
Import license from Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms & ECOWAS Exemption Certificate
H. Additional voluntary information relevant to national import controls (please specify below)
APPROVAL FROM ECOWAS SECRETARIAT

5. TRANSIT & TRANS-SHIPMENT

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E. Transit / trans-shipment of controlled equipment is permitted without regulation or under simplified procedure under certain circumstances (for instance in a free trade area) (if 'Yes' please provide further information below)	Yes 🗌	No 🏻	
F. National control of transit and/or trans-shipment goes beyond the fulfillment of obligations under Article 6 of the Treaty (if 'Yes', please specify the additional scope of control and indicate whether the additional control applies to all items in the national control list)	Yes 🖂	No 🗌	
ECOWAS APPROVAL			
G. Measures to regulate transit and/or trans-shipment are applicable also to other categories of conventional arms than those covered in Article 2(1) [Article 5(3)] (if 'Yes', please elaborate below)	Yes 🗌	No 🛚	
H. Apart from the competent national authority, the following ministries or government authorities may be involved in the decision-making process for a transit or trans-shipment authorization (when such an authorization is required) [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)			
INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY, DEFENCE MINISTRY			
I. Information / documentation required in an application for a transit / trans-shipn (please specify below)	nent authoriz	ation	
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM ECOWAS SECRETARIATE			
J. Additional voluntary information relevant to national transit / trans-shipment controls (please specify below)			

6. BROKERING

D. National brokering controls contain exemptions (for instance for national armed forces or defence industry) [Articles 6 & 10] (if 'Yes', please provide further information below)	Yes 🖂	No 🗌
ECOWAS EXEMPTION		
E. National brokering controls go beyond the fulfillment of obligations under Article 6 of the Treaty (for instance regulating brokering in other situations) (if 'Yes', please specify the additional scope of control)	Yes 🖂	No 🗌
ECOWAS EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE		
F. Measures to regulate brokering are applicable also to other categories of conventional arms than those covered in Article 2(1)	Yes 🗌	No 🖂

[Article 5(3)] (if 'Yes', please elaborate below)							
G. Apart from the competent national authority, the following ministries or government authorities may be involved in the decision-making process for a control measure related to brokering [Article 5(5)] (please specify below)							
INTE	INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY						
H. Information / documentation required in an application related to brokering (please elaborate below)							
BAC	KGROUND CHECK						
	ditional voluntary information relevant to national brokering controls se specify below)						
7. D	IVERSION						
C. Measures included in the national control system to prevent the diversion of conventional arms covered by Article 2(1) [Article 11(1)]:			N	Ю			
iii)	establishment of mitigation measures [Article 11(2)]	\boxtimes	Г				
iv)	provision, upon request, of end use / end user documentation to the exporting State [Article 8(1)]	\boxtimes					
v)	requirement for end use / end user assurances from an importing State (or industry) [Article 8(1)]	\boxtimes]			
vi)	examination, where appropriate, of parties involved in a transfer [Article 11(2)]	\boxtimes					
viii)	requirement, where appropriate, for additional documentation, certificates, assurances for a transfer [Article 11(2)]	\boxtimes					
ix)	exchange of relevant information with other States Parties on effective measures to address diversion, as well as on illicit activities and actors [Articles 11(5) & 15(4)]	\boxtimes					
x)	reporting through the Secretariat to other States Parties on measures taken to address diversion of transferred conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) [Articles 11(6) & 13(2)]	\boxtimes					
xi)	other measures [Article 11(1)] (if 'Yes', please specify below)			3			
D. Measures included in the national control system, to be taken when a diversion of transferred conventional arms has been detected [Article 11(4)]			N	lo			
i)	alerting potentially affected States Parties	\boxtimes					
ii)	investigative and law enforcement measures at the national level	\boxtimes					
iii)	using international tracing mechanisms to identify points of diversion	\boxtimes	С				
iv)	other measures (if 'Yes', please specify below)						
E M	F. Mossures taken to provent or address diversion are applicable also to						

[Art	r categories of conventional arms than those covered in Article 2(1) icle 5(3)] Ves', please elaborate below)					
(11)	es, piease ciaborate below)					
F. Additional voluntary information relevant to the prevention of diversion of conventional arms (please specify below - for instance regarding measures in place to avoid diversion in the context of the international movement of conventional arms referred to in Article 2(3) of the Treaty)						
ALL	ERTING THE COAST GUARDS AND THE NAVY TO CONDUCT SEA PATRO	DLS				
8. R	ECORD KEEPING					
	he national control system includes provisions for maintaining records rding :	Yes	No			
i)	imports of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) of the Treaty into national territory as final destination [Article 12(2)]	\boxtimes				
ii)	authorizations for the transit and/or trans-shipment through national territory of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) of the Treaty [Article 12(2)]					
iii)	authorizations related to the conduct of brokering activities included in the scope of the national control system (for instance relating to a register of brokers) [Article 10]					
D. Records cover other categories of conventional arms than those specified in Article 2(1) (if 'Yes', please elaborate below)		Yes 🗌	No 🖂			
E. Additional voluntary information relevant to national record keeping (please specify below - for instance types of information preserved in national records for exports and imports respectively)						
QUA	NTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN STOCK					
9. R	EPORTING					
(plea	dditional voluntary information relevant to national reporting se specify below, for instance if national reports are publicly available - if available e provide the relevant hyperlink)	on the open ir	nternet			
EST	ABLISHING A WEBSITE					
10.	ENFORCEMENT					
Part beco	ational measures have been taken to prevent, in cooperation with other States ies, the transfer of conventional arms covered under Article 2(1) of the Treaty ming subject to corrupt practices [Article 15(6)] se elaborate below)	Yes 🛚	No 🗌			
D. Additional voluntary information relevant to national enforcement (please elaborate below - for instance measures taken to criminalize offences against national laws and regulations that implement the provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty and to prescribe legal penalties in these cases.)						

11. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

B. Additional voluntary information relevant to participation in international cooperation (please elaborate below - for instance in terms of the measures suggested in Article 15, or in terms of participation in international or regional cooperation in the transfer control area) SUB-REGIONAL COORPERATION

12. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

B. National regulations and policy allow the provision of financial resources to the voluntary trust fund established under Article 16(3) of the Treaty (if 'No', please elaborate below)	Yes 🖂	No 🗌		
C. Additional voluntary information relevant to the provision- or receipt of implementation assistance (please specify below - for instance regarding assistance provision capacities or assistance needs,)				
DEVELOPED NATIONS TO ASSIST WEAKER NATIONS IN CAPACITY BUILDING AND FINANCE				

13. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT				
B. National regulations and policy allow for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Treaty through recourse by mutual consent to arbitration as outlined in Article 19(2) (if 'No', please elaborate below)	Yes 🖂	No 🗌		
RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL TREATIES THAT BINDING				
C. Additional voluntary information relevant to dispute settlement under the terms of the Treaty (please specify below)				
MEDIATION MEANS				