

Arms Trade Treaty – CSP11
Agenda Item 8
Transparency and Reporting
Australia

President,

Transparency is the bedrock of the Arms Trade Treaty in that it enables trust and builds confidence among States Parties. The ATT's reporting obligations support both transparency and accountability. Australia has consistently made its annual reports available for public scrutiny. We see this as important in demonstrating our support for the object and purpose of the Treaty.

In February at the ATT Working Group meetings, Australia further demonstrated its commitment to transparency with a detailed intervention on its national control list (exports) and a presentation on its national control system (imports). We would like to thank the Secretariat for those opportunities and to commend the introduction of guiding questions which assisted speakers to tailor their information to align with the practical implementation of the ATT.

Disappointingly, the annual reporting rate remains low at only 63% for the 2023 reporting cycle. We encourage all States Parties to submit their annual reports in a timely manner. We are a long-standing supporter of the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund which provides assistance to States in meeting their ATT obligations. States in need of assistance to meet their reporting obligations could consider submitting proposals to the VTF as one potential avenue to access assistance.

Australia would like to thank the ATT Working Group on Transparency and Reporting for its work over the cycle and welcomes its recommendations.

Thank you.