



Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR)
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Agenda Item 1: State of play of compliance with reporting obligations

Thank you Co-Chairs,

The ATT Monitor, an independent project of Control Arms, would like to commend both the Working Group co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat on the efforts taken to prepare the introductory paper, including the proposed amendments to the “FAQ”-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligations.

The ATT Monitor would also like to commend the Working Group co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat for continuing to provide resources and guidance on reporting during this intersessional period prior to CSP8 and welcome the opportunity to exchange views on how gender and transparency can be further included in the work of the working group. We fully support the collective work done to improve compliance with reporting obligations so that all States Parties can report fully, accurately and on time.

ATT Monitor analysis of 2020 ATT annual reports shows that the on-time completion rate for 2020 annual reports improved slightly (44 percent) compared to the previous year, but the overall ATT annual reporting rate was the lowest of any year (57 percent) and significantly below the level seen in the first round of ATT reporting, which marked the highest compliance rate of any reporting year (84 percent).

Despite the persistent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, the geographic and systemic diversity of those that were able to report by the deadline indicates that the largest impediment to engagement in ATT reporting is most likely the lack of political will.

Because annual reporting is an obligation in Article 13.3, there is still work to be done to support full compliance of these obligations by all States Parties.

ATT Monitor analysis further shows that the rate of public reporting continued to drop with the submission of 2020 annual reports. Only 42 percent of States Parties due to submit a report submitted one that was publicly available. In fact, the percentage of publicly available 2020 annual reports is the lowest since 2015. Private reporting, on the other hand, continued its upward trend. Thirty-one percent of the total 2020 annual reports submitted were confidential, compared to 23% of 2019 annual reports.

As with annual reports, there also remains an upward trend towards private reporting for initial reports, as 24 percent of all submitted initial reports are confidential. In 2021, five States Parties were due to submit their initial reports, but only one did and it kept the report private. Also of



great concern is the low number of States Parties who have submitted updates to their initial reports. To date, only six states have provided such updates.

The ATT Monitor supports the European Union's call for transparency in reporting. We look to States, such as those that are permanent members of the UN Security Council and States Parties to the ATT to demonstrate leadership in implementing the principles of transparency.

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