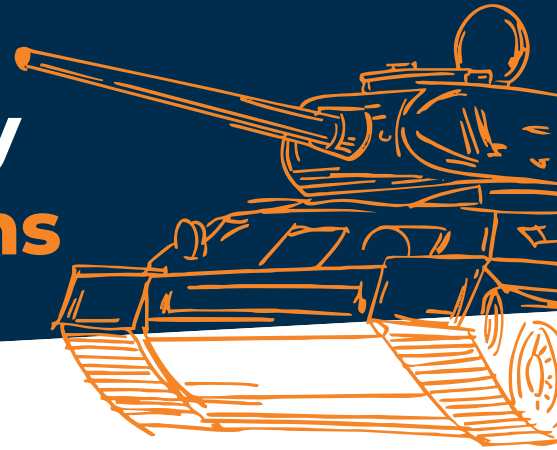


The Interdependent Responsibilities of Government and Industry in Arms Transfer Decisions



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Since its introduction as a thematic focus at the Ninth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in 2022, the role of industry in responsible arms transfers remains an active agenda item in the ATT process. In the Tenth Conference of States Parties to the ATT (CSP10) Working Group Meetings, human rights concerns became a prominent area of inquiry. Key to this conversation is the intersection of state obligations relating to arms transfer decisions as set out in the ATT and industry responsibility as set out under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). ATT States Parties have indicated that more discussion is needed to distill the human rights and international humanitarian law (IHL) due diligence responsibilities of industry and the obligations of states under national arms transfer laws and regulations in the context of the ATT.

Along with key remarks by representatives from **Austria**, **Ireland** and **Mexico**, authors of the ATT CSP9 *Joint Working Paper on Responsible Business Conduct and the Arms Trade Treaty*, panelists from academia, government, industry and civil society will explore the roles and responsibilities of government and industry in the export license process and consider how human rights due diligence performed by industry can be an important complement to the government export license process.

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