

## Initial Reflections in support of the Presidency's thematic priority: "The Role of Industry in Promoting a Responsible Arms Trade"

### In-person side event during the ATT CSP9 1st Preparatory Meeting: Initial Reflections in support of the Presidency's thematic priority "The Role of Industry in Promoting a Responsible Arms Trade"

Wednesday, 15th February 2023, 13:15 – 14:45 CET

**WHAT:** It is the responsibility of national governments to implement the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) by effectively regulating the international trade in conventional arms and establishing and implementing their national control system. The treaty's preamble recognized that industry, alongside non-governmental organizations and relevant international organizations, can play an active role in raising awareness of the object and purpose of the ATT and supporting its implementation. The CSP9 cycle of meetings provides an opportunity to take stock of this situation as the ATT celebrates the 10th anniversary of its adoption. This side event is intended to explore some of the ways in which the private sector can support a responsible international arms trade and the effective implementation of the ATT. The event seeks to foster an interactive dialogue on the issue and facilitate an exchange on opportunities, challenges, effective measures for industry engagement in the ATT process moving forward.

#### Opening remarks:

- Ambassador Seong-mee YOON (Republic of Korea)

#### Panelists:

- Rachel Stohl (Stimson Center), Taking Stock of the Role of Industry in the ATT Process
- Anna Mensah (UNIDIR), Challenges and opportunities for effective industry engagement

#### Interactive dialogue among participants & panelists

#### Closing Remarks:

- Ambassador Seong-mee YOON (Republic of Korea)

#### Moderator:

- Dr. Paul Holtom (UNIDIR)

**Venue:** Room XXII, Palais des Nations (ATT CSP9 1st Preparatory Meeting Venue)

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The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Conflict Armament Research (CAR), and the Stimson Center (the Consortium) are engaged in a joint research project entitled "Strengthening Shared Understanding on the Impact of the Arms Trade Treaty in Addressing Risks of Diversion in Arms Transfers" since 2019. In 2023, the Consortium will conduct research and facilitate dialogue events on the Role of Industry in Promoting a Responsible Arms Trade, in support of the Republic of Korea's ATT CSP9 Presidency.