The ATT and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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Agenda 2030: a universal, holistic approach

• Different from the MDGs
• Universal: A “to-do” list for everybody, not only developing countries
• Holistic: No goal can be achieved without advancing on the others, be that environment, health, peace, human rights, education…
• A road map to ending global poverty and building a life of dignity for all, *leaving no one behind*
Three years into the SDGs

- SDGs as a framework to multiply effects of virtually all main agendas agreed by the international community
- Powerful instrument for strengthening and aligning agendas
- Political momentum for delivery at the national, regional and international levels
Implementation of Agenda 2030

• In SDG Target 16.4 states committed to reduce illicit arms flows
• Universal commitment, to be achieved through effective implementation of the international arms control framework
• No additional layer, but opportunity for a results-based approach (goals, targets, indicators)
ATT implementation to support the SDGs

- Illicit proliferation of arms is a key element of violence and insecurity

- Within the framework of the SDGs (Targets 16.4 and 16.1): better arms control → reduces risk of diversion to illicit trade and misuse → less violence and insecurity

- In the context of the ATT: a national system (Art. 5) to regulate transfers (Art. 6-10) and prevent diversion (Art. 11) ensures that all international transfers are responsible in order to reduce human suffering (Art. 1)
ATT and SDGs

- ATT Secretariat paper of 30 March 2017 highlight direct links between the ATT and SDG with regards to:
  - States committed to reduce illicit arms flows (target 16.4)
  - Preventing illicit arms flows used in violence against women (Art 5.2)

- Introduce other ATT-relevant SDG targets
SDG targets of relevance for each working group

• Universalization
• Implementation
• Reporting and Transparency
Universalization and the SDGs

- The goal of universal ratification of the ATT is parallel to the SDGs
- Universalization of the ATT as the most powerful instrument to combat illicit trade
- Challenge number 7 in the WG Universalization paper on ‘building capacity’ is connected with SDG 17 targets
Implementation and the SDGs: Article 5

• SDG Target 5.5 on full and effective participation of women in decision-making … including national control systems
• SDG Targets 16.6 and 16.A on the development (and maintenance) of effective, accountable and transparent institutions to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime
Implementation and the SDGs: Articles 6 and 7

- SDG Target 16.1 as a reminder – reduce all forms of violence and related death rates, alongside Target 5.2 specifically on women
- SDG Target 8.7 – specific reference to eradicating the recruitment and use of child soldiers, and consideration in export risk assessments
- SDG Target 11.4 – safeguarding the world’s cultural and natural heritage
- SDG Target 16.5 – reducing corruption and bribery in all their forms. Linkage with risk assessments that consider UNCAC and TOC (transnational organized crime conventions – also Target 16.4 on combating all forms of organized crime)
Implementation and the SDGs: Article 11

• Linkages with SDG 16.4 are obvious …
• … and also with SDG target 16.A on strengthening national institutions to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime
• And also with SDG target 15.7 to end poaching
Transparency and the SDGs

- Support for data collection for SDG Indicator 16.4.2
- Development of national and regional indicators (A/RES/70/1, para 75)
- SDG Target 17.18 – high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by sex and other key characteristics
- …more broadly, SDG 17 on cooperation and development assistance to build capacity
Thank you

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