Examining end-user documentation and its role in preventing diversion

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Lunch will be served

End-user documentation is an important tool that licensing authorities can use to prevent diversion. This is highlighted in Article 11 (2) of the ATT, and ATT States Parties have made this topic a priority for discussion under the WGETI sub-working group on diversion in the past year. End-user documentation provides an early opportunity for information exchange between transfer parties, and for a licensing authority to secure critical commitments about how items will remain under the end-user’s control and will not be diverted.

In this side event panellists will present on the role of end-user documentation in preventing diversion, identify critical gaps and limitations in current practice, and highlight areas to strengthen implementation of this important aspect of Article 11. This event will see the launch of Conflict Armament Research’s (CAR) second Diversion Digest, “End-User Documentation: An analysis of information relating to the transfer of conventional weapons and ammunition.” This Digest was made possible with funding from the European Union and the German Federal Foreign Office.

Programme

Chair: Caroline Cliff, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Speakers:

- Meredith Horne, Head of Tracing, Conflict Armament Research
- Rob Perkins, Data Analyst, Conflict Armament Research
- Christopher Chew, Head of Policy, United Kingdom Export Control Joint Unit
- Himayu Shiotani, Programme Lead – Conventional Arms, UNIDIR