Arms Trade Treaty – CSP8
Thematic discussion on Post Shipment Controls

*Opportunities and challenges of operationalising Post Shipment Controls*

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1) Background and introduction of Post-shipment Verification (PSV)

- Three cases of unauthorised re-exports
  - Intense discussion within Swiss politics and broad public
  - PSV as a systematic tool
  - Politics welcoming, Industry sceptical

- Establishing legal basis, scope and systematic approach of PSV

- Introduction of PSV with a two-year trial phase
2) Preparation and execution of PSV

Opportunities and challenges of preparation
- Involvement of embassies and defence attachés
- Communication/cooperation between importing and exporting state
- PSV = confidence-building measure
- Preparation phase: time consuming
- Flexibility

Opportunities and challenges of execution
- Goal: physical verification of 100%
- Finding solutions on site if not 100%
- Distribution and potential publication of PSV report
3) Conclusion

• Since 2013 ~ 50 PSV conducted (most successful)

• PSV useful
  o Impressions on-site and personal contact
  o Enhances mutual trust

• Industrial and political feedback positive

• Challenges: Preparation and logistics on site

• Two officials sufficient (PSV 5-10 p.a.)
Thank you for your attention!