

A Draft Concept Paper on Stakeholders Session on Diversion during ATT CSP5

1. Background

The Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) endorsed the proposal of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR) Co-chairs' Draft Report to CSP4, contained in document ATT/CSP4.WGTR/2018/CHAIR/358/Conf.Rep, to hold *'an informal meeting among interested States Parties (and possibly signatory States) to discuss concrete cases of detected or suspected diversion that they are dealing or have dealt with'* as part of a three-tier approach to sharing information on diversion (see paragraph 24(2) of the Final Report of CSP4).

As some arms exporting states indicated that such information exchange needs to be conducted in a closed setting due to releasability restrictions of sensitive information according to their national legal obligations, Japan proposed an open format-setting of information exchange where participants do not handle such classified information, in addition to a closed setting. Japan asked for those interested to work on such a meeting during the second WGTR and the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) held in the first week of April in Geneva.

Based on the follow up discussion with those interested in open format setting of information exchange (hereafter Stakeholders Session), following event will be pursued during CSP5 (Aug 26-30, 2019), specifically on 27 August, where we expect a larger audience and a more robust discussion.

The results of this discussion could contribute to strengthen synergies with regards to the broader discussions under the goal 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda.

2. Stakeholders Session during CSP5

Time and Date: Tuesday 27 August 2019 at 08:30-09:45

Venue: CIG Room 4

Language: English (Partial French-English consecutive interpretation)

A representative of Burkina Faso shares its national experience on diversion and Conflict Armament Research (CAR) describes typology, examples of diversion and identify best practice principles that should be considered in the formulation of a risk assessment and information sharing. The event will encourage States to share experiences in order to facilitate enhanced cooperation and follow-up and set the stage for a closed State meeting on diversion.

Leading organizations: Japan, CAR, Stimson Center