

The Arms Trade Treaty and Explosive Weapons Harm: Impact, Challenges and Future Progress

**Room XXVI, Building E, on Thursday
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One of the key purposes of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is to reduce human suffering. For the last year Action on Armed Violence (AOAV) has been assessing the ATT's impact on civilian harm from explosive weapons.

Explosive weapons, particularly when used in populated areas, cause thousands of civilian casualties each year and have reverberating impacts that impact millions. Understanding the ATT's impact on the supply and use of explosive weapons is integral to understanding how the ATT might help to reduce human suffering.

In the report AOA V examine key case studies using UNIDIR's EWIPA indicators and explored key areas of the ATT thematically, with interviews with experts focused on the ATT.

In this side event, AOA V will share the key findings and recommendations from their report, the challenges that remain, and consider how ATT States Parties might better consider the harms associated with explosive weapons as part of arms transfer decisions.

Further experts will touch on the some of the progress and challenges within key areas examined, including transparency, diversion, and implementation.

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