# The Role of Industry in Responsible International Transfers of Conventional Arms

The ROK's Approach on Engaging Industry in Arms Trade

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## Importance of Engaging Industry



#### Changes in Arms Trade Trends

- Diversification of arms production bases: exporting finished products + local production
- Concerns of exported materials being misused, not fully controlled by exporting country
- Role of industry for self-compliance with ATT norms being increasingly significant

#### Consideration of Industry's Interests

- Countries expanding national export control → companies' burden increasing
- Need to consider industry's interests and its predictability on government's regulative measures
- Inducing industry's compliance and reflecting industry's interests on international norms both being important

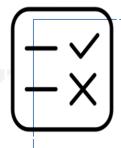
# 2 Approaches to Engage Industry



#### Overview



1. Enhancing Continuous Communication



2. Providing Guidelines

#### **Approach (1) Enhancing Continuous Communication**

#### Support the Industry for Compliance through Frequent Outreach

- DAPA(Defense Acquisition Program Administration)
- Expert Training Sessions for defense production companies, etc
- → Help them improve their own screening & control capabilities
- → Cases of non-fulfillment of relevant procedural obligations decreased
- MOFA(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Meetings with relevant companies, consultations in both official/unofficial ways, etc
- → Companies getting less uncertainty on the int'l security & export control trend
- Engaging the industry to participate in ATT meetings
  - ROK has invited a member of a private defense company in its delegation for the 9th CSP
- WGETI Reconfiguration: Industry's on-the-ground experiences in arms trade getting more significance

# **Approach (2) Providing Guidelines**

#### Help the Industry to 'Voluntarily' Comply with Norms, based on Guidelines

- 'International Peace and Security, Human Rights...' → Difficult for companies to judge on their own
- Need to clarify ATT controlled items & obligations in detail, for everyone to refer to
- \* As some companies pointed out in the Brainstorming Workshop in 2023.1
- Reflecting ATT regulations in national guidelines
- ex. Adding ATT regulation in the 'Statement of End-User' format in Enforcement Rules of the Defense Business Act ROK
  - \* ROK Working-Level Meeting with defense industry & related agencies in 2022.12
- Might not be easy to make uniform guidelines among different states parties,
- But creating national implementation guidelines by appropriately reflecting the ATT contents to suit domestic circumstances → Increase the industry's predictability and reduce business risks & administrative costs

## **Conclusion: Expected Effects**

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- For States & International Community
- Multilateral export control / nonproliferation system will be firmly safeguarded
- International peace and security, Human rights will be strengthened
- For Industry
- Strengthen reputation and stability in business
- 'Re-engaging' of the industry → Springboard for future participation by various stakeholders in the ATT



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