Transparency in arms trade

INTERGOVERNMENTAL and PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

CATALYZER FOR TRANSPARENCY

EARLY WARNING

SCRUTINY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL NORMS

CONFIDENCE BUILDING
Challenges for measuring 16.4.2

‘Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms, whose illicit context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instrument’
E/CN.3/2017/2

LACK OF INFORMATION

Little (or no) relevant info in PoA and ITI Reports

DISAGGREGATION

New items on the market? Transfer routes of specific models? New flows? Mechanics of transfers?

DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS VS REDUCTION

Indirect effect of diagnostic tool to reduced illicit arms flows
## Possible transparency-related indicators

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Small Arms Trade Transparency Barometer

- Assesses states’ reporting practices
- 49 major small arms exporters
- UN Register, UN Comtrade, National Arms Export Reports, ATT reports (2018), plus regional reports
- 25 points scale (average 11.4 in 2016)
- Timeliness, Access and Consistency, Clarity, Deliveries, Licences granted and refused
The SDG16 Data Initiative

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted unanimously by the 193 United Nations Member States in September 2015 to guide global development until 2030.

SDG16 commits all governments to:

“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.”

Achieving SDG16 and all 17 goals will require unprecedented partnerships among governments, businesses, and civil society. The SDG16 Data Initiative compiles existing global data that can help track progress towards the recommended UN official indicators along with proposed indicators for each target. We have included a variety of respected and useful alternative data sources.

Explore, compare, and monitor progress towards SDG16.
Voluntary Global Supplementary Indicators

• Voluntary non-prescriptive tool for national monitoring – to be piloted
• Complement to SDGs official framework
• 16.4.2: TB inspired indicator? Larger scope (exports and imports) and adequate sources (e.g. ATT reports)
any questions?

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