

Public Statement by the Wassenaar Arrangement on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

The Participating States of the Wassenaar Arrangement welcome the adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty by the United Nations General Assembly on 2 April 2013. Effective implementation of this Treaty will contribute to international peace, security and stability, saving lives, reducing human suffering, protecting human rights, preventing the diversion of conventional arms to the illicit market and combating terrorism, while upholding the legitimate trade in conventional arms.

The goals of the Arms Trade Treaty align with those of the Wassenaar Arrangement, including promotion of transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms, thus preventing destabilizing accumulations.

The Wassenaar Arrangement has developed measures and guidelines to help states effectively implement export controls in conventional arms, including WA control lists and best practices documents, which could be adopted, as appropriate, by any state. The Participating States of the Wassenaar Arrangement stand ready to share their experience and expertise with other states, as suggested in the ATT.

More information about the Wassenaar Arrangement is available at www.wassenaar.org