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INFORMATION ON ARMS TRADE TREATY IMPLEMENTATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The UK strongly supports the Arms Trade Treaty but understands that, to achieve early entry into force and effective implementation, it will be necessary for States Parties to ensure there is adequate legislation, structures and processes to support Treaty goals. As an aid to ratification and implementation, the UK has part-funded the development of the “Arms Trade Treaty-Baseline Assessment Project (ATT-BAP) Survey and Ratification Checklist” and this tool is now available for use on a voluntary basis. It can be found on the ATT-BAP website in English, French and Spanish: <http://www.armstrade.info/>.

The ATT-BAP Survey and Ratification Checklist has been designed to assist States in understanding the obligations contained in the ATT and help identify the gaps needed to be addressed in order to effectively implement the ATT. The Survey and Ratification Checklist, when completed, will enable every State to identify:

- What it already does to implement the Treaty;
- What it needs to do to implement the Treaty; and
- What type of assistance it requires to implement the Treaty.

The ATT-BAP is an initiative developed by the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies (CPRS) at Coventry University. The Centre has, through the UK Delegation, requested the help of our OSCE partners to ensure information about the project and the Survey reach appropriate authority in Capitals and to encourage them to complete the Survey.

The survey can be completed online at:

<http://www.armstrade.info/>

or by sending a completed ATT-BAP Survey in Microsoft Word or PDF format to:

att@stimson.org

Every completed Survey will be entered into a database accessible on the website. The database will serve as a tool for future ATT implementation projects as well as those focused on monitoring impact of and progress resulting from the ATT over time. It will be used to identify the capacities needed, highlight best practices already established, and recommend specific legislative and regulatory requirements needed for States to implement the provisions of the Treaty.

The UK Delegation commends this tool to participating States and hopes it proves to be a useful complement to their organic assessments of ATT requirements. We encourage all OSCE partners to participate in this initiative by completing the questionnaire.

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