Can the EU SALW Strategy survive the Arms Trade Treaty?

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ATT and the EU SALW Strategy

**Arms Trade Treaty**
Common standards for regulating international trade in conventional arms, through:
- Export, import, transfer, transhipment controls
- Prevent diversion during international transits
- Keep national records of export authorizations

**EU SALW Strategy**
- Strengthen export controls
- Stockpile reduction
- Restructuring SALW production sites in SEE
- Strengthening rule of law in unstable countries
- Address the underlying factors to illegal demand for SALW
EU SALW Strategy not enough to implement the ATT

- ATT covers all conventional arms, not just SALW
- ATT require exporting states to develop a risk assessment tool for gender-based violence, SALW Strategy does not mention gender
- ATT cover all countries in the world, especially exporting states, the SALW strategy target ‘unstable’ countries

ATT impact on SALW funding

- In 2010-13, 34 % of the CFSP budget allocated to SALW control went to ATT/arms export control specific projects
- Most other projects also included strong aspects of trade controls
- The new IcSP will primarily ‘address the trans-regional dimensions of trafficking in SALW’. Maximum €103.2 million can be allocated to illicit trafficking (in humans, drugs, small arms, etc.) for the period 2014-20
‘Addressing the problem posed by uncontrolled SALW in a given country or region and its impact on their development should primarily be supported under mainstream, geographical cooperation instruments ... the added value of the IcSP in this area is addressing the trans-regional dimensions of trafficking in SALW’ (The IcSP Strategy paper for 2014-20)

**EU Comprehensive approach to SALW – connecting the dots**

- No reference to the SALW strategy in Council Decisions on ATT
- No mentioning of EDF, or other development or regional instruments in the SALW Strategy’s progress reports in recent years
- Unclear how DDR, SSR and community assistance/peace building activities complements EU SALW projects under CFSP/IcSP
- No comprehensive overview of EU MS ATT implementation assistance, current or planned
Steps toward a more comprehensive approach to SALW

- The EU could make a full inventory of its SALW assistance programmes using a comprehensive definition
- The EU could strengthen capacity building in EU delegations on the comprehensive approach and SALW
- The EU could ensure that all future SALW assistance programmes share the same strategic vision and understanding of the problem/solution

Steps toward a comprehensive approach to SALW

- The EU could look for synergies between international SALW instruments, including on implementation, implementation assistance and reporting
- The EU could ensure that technical assistance or strengthening of law enforcement capacities are balanced with support to justice reform
- The EU could look for ways to integrate concepts and regions left out of the 2005 SALW strategy
QUESTIONS?