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Arms Trade Treaty  
Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation  
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The Philippines fully supports the President's proposed working paper, centered on the pivotal role of interagency cooperation in ensuring the effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Our endorsement aligns seamlessly with the belief that the successful implementation of the treaty demands a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach, requiring the unwavering commitment of pertinent agencies.

Our stance is grounded in the valuable insights gained from the Philippines' own experience throughout the ratification process and the subsequent implementation phases, encompassing licensing, outreach, enforcement, and reporting procedures. Due to the cross-cutting aspect of interagency cooperation, we suggest that voluntary guidance documents be updated to incorporate additional guidance specifically on addressing the significance of interagency cooperation.





## ARMS TRADE TREATY WORKING GROUP ON EFFECTIVE TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

With response to the issues raised on the incorporation of other themes in interagency cooperation, such as human rights, anti-corruption, and soft cooperation, among others, we suggest that these issues could be included in the proposed new guidance document on interagency cooperation.

We firmly believe that fostering collaboration among various agencies is a cornerstone to establishing robust regulations that strike a delicate balance between facilitating international trade and ensuring national security. Furthermore, such interagency cooperation is instrumental in enhancing transparency, check and balance, particularly concerning the transfer of conventional arms. With this approach, we aim to contribute to a more secure and accountable global arms trade landscape, one that aligns with the principles and objectives of the Arms Trade Treaty.

