



# **MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

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## **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S EXPERIENCES & CHALLENGES REGARDING THE TREATY'S REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**



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# Background

- Ratified 25 September 2013
- Initial Report: 2015
- Reporting responsibilities
  - Due by 31 May annually

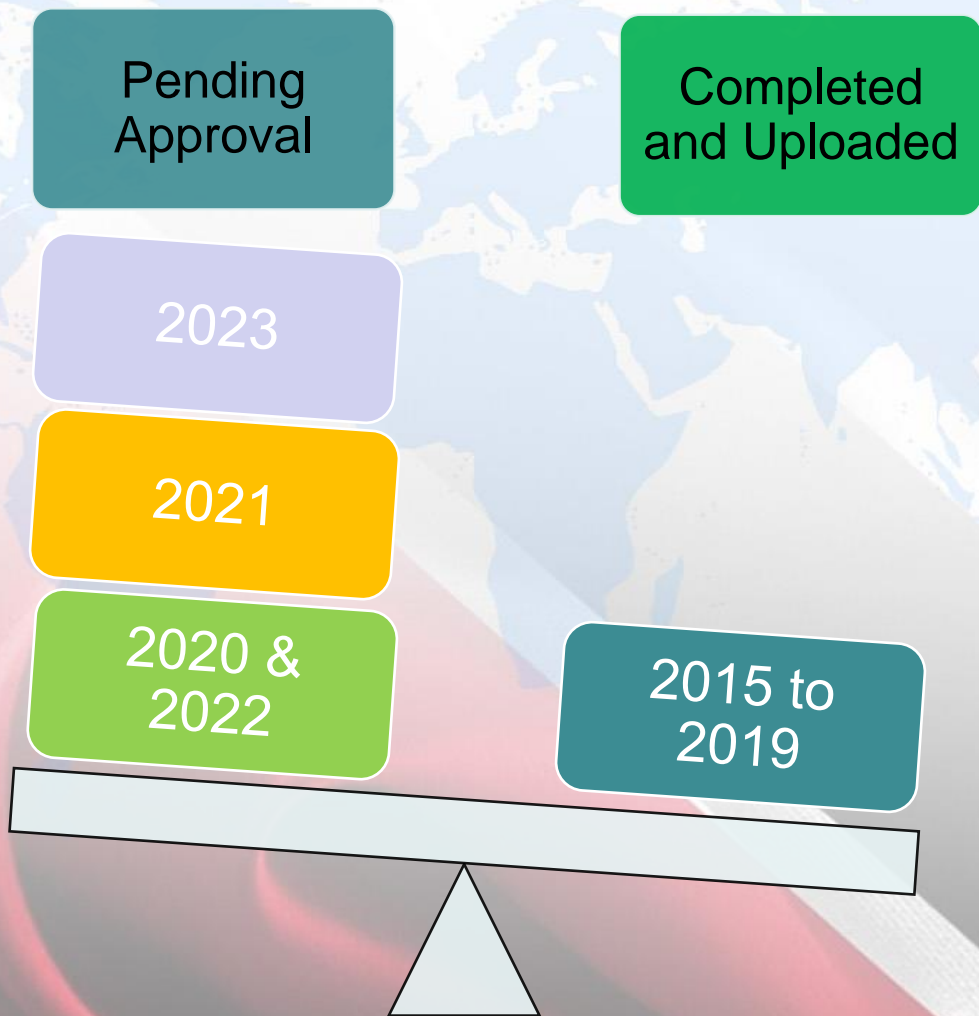
### **Core Agencies Responsible:**

- The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS)
  - Issuing of Firearms Users Licenses and Firearms Users Employees Certificates
  - Approvals for firearms and ammunition imports and exports
  - Data collection, storage and dissemination of all firearms-related data
- The Ministry of National Security (MNS)
  - Official POC for UNATT
  - Request data from TTPS by March annually
  - Collate, verify and compile responses
  - Submit reports to the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security for approval by the State (Cabinet)



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## Current Status of T&T Reporting Obligations





# Challenges with T&T Reporting Obligations

- **Bureaucratic Process** - Delays in approvals.
- **Lack of Continuity**- Personnel Reassignment/ Staff shortages.
- **Data Management** - Improper/ manual record keeping systems.
- **Compliance** - Current legislation (The Firearms Act of 1970 - Amended 2023) does not mandate the timely submission of Annual Reports.



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# Mitigative Strategies to Improve T&T Reporting Obligations

### Implementation of a responsible entity (MNS)

Point of Contact (PoC) and Alternate

Improving stakeholder relations.

Improving communication amongst key agencies.

Improving data collation, verification and transmission

### Capacity building of Point of Contact

Participation in ATT sponsored training workshops

Participation in prior CSP peer to peer sessions on reporting

Applying lessons learnt from other States Parties to T&T

### Review of Initial Report

Updates/ changes based on ATT implementation

### Accessed grant funding from UNATT

Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) Cycle 3 – 2021

“Development of an integrated data management IT system for stockpiling management in the private sector”

Automatic generation of reports

Ease of verification



# Ongoing and Proposed Initiatives

- **Capacity Building Workshops for the Competent Authority**
  - Design & implement training to complete UNATT Annual Reports
  - Aiding with developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for UNATT Reporting (TTPS)
- **Legislative Amendments (Firearms Act of 1970 – Amended 2023)**
  - Mandatory Reporting and deadline dates



Thank you for your time.

Questions?  
Comments?



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