

# Understanding Requirements, Challenges, and Current Trends

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Reporting is a cornerstone of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and contributes to the fulfillment of the treaty's object and purpose as articulated in Article 1. ▶

**Article 1 - "Promoting cooperation, transparency and responsible action by States Parties in the international trade in conventional arms, thereby building confidence among States Parties."**

In order to support States Parties in better understanding and adhering to the ATT's reporting requirements – as well as inform key stakeholders of current challenges to and trends in ATT reporting – the Stimson Center has created reporting factsheets that provide insights into ATT reporting obligations, the current status of reporting, and challenges that hinder States Parties' reporting efforts. Each factsheet is intended to serve as an informative resource for States, the ATT Secretariat, the CSP Presidents, the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting, and non-government stakeholders to strengthen ATT reporting and support effective treaty implementation.

**The factsheet on reporting obligations** explains the requirements in ATT Articles 13.1 and 13.3 – including what States Parties must report, when and how often, and to whom. The factsheet also offers insights on synergies between ATT reporting and other reporting efforts that could streamline States Parties' reporting processes.

**The factsheet on compliance** contains data on the number and percentage of States Parties that have and have not met their ATT reporting requirements. The factsheet offers aggregate data on reporting compliance for the ATT initial report and the ATT annual reports and provides regional reporting snapshots.

**The factsheet on private reporting** highlights the growing trend in private reporting to the ATT. The factsheet compares yearly rates of public and private reporting for the ATT initial report and the ATT annual reports and offers insights on regional trends.

**The factsheet on reporting challenges** highlights obstacles to reporting that hinder States Parties' reporting processes and efforts. The factsheet references assistance tools that States Parties can use to help overcome reporting challenges.

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