

ARMS TRANSFER CONTROL SYSTEMS: PRESENT PRACTICE AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

SaferGlobe is currently undertaking a project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland to compare the arms transfer control structures of four Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway) as they relate to exports, imports and transfer of conventional arms. The Project aims to produce good practice and tools to answer to the future needs of arms transfer controls, especially as they relate to the global and comprehensive implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Special emphasis will be placed on the definition and practical implementation of transit, re-transfer and end use regulations, including addressing the risk of diversion.

The Project includes a study to increase our understanding of the implications of the ATT on Nordic transfer control systems and its relationship with multilateral export control regimes, including increased transparency. The Project is first of its kind in the Nordic region and will lead to more discussion and research, in the region and internationally. It is also timely. Running from December 2014 to June 2015 it spans the period between entry into force of the ATT and the first Conference of States Parties (CSP).

The project and its findings will be promoted to a variety of audiences: In April 2015 Saferglobe, in cooperation with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will organize a seminar entitled “Arms Control in Fragile Contexts – Horn of Africa”. The seminar will present the project’s preliminary findings, linking them to current challenges of arms transfer controls in the Horn of Africa. The project’s final report will be presented at the CSP later in 2015 and will be made public. In addition, selected themes and findings will be broadcast through a series of online articles and via social media.

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