

ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT) IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING COURSE

UNLIREC, the regional office of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), seeks to advance the cause of practical disarmament in Latin America and the Caribbean as part of its commitment to support Member States in their implementation of international disarmament and non-proliferation instruments. To this end, UNLIREC implements a series of field-based activities, including the delivery of capacity-building courses for the security sector in the area of arms control.

CONTEXT: ATT OBLIGATIONS

Upon entering into force, the ATT will bind States Parties to the following requirements:

General measures:

- Create a national control system to regulate exports of conventional arms, ammunition, parts and components
- Appoint competent national authorities to implement the national control system
- Develop a national control list
- Regulate brokering under the State's jurisdiction
- Designate a national point of contact for ATT-related information exchange
- Submit annual implementation reports

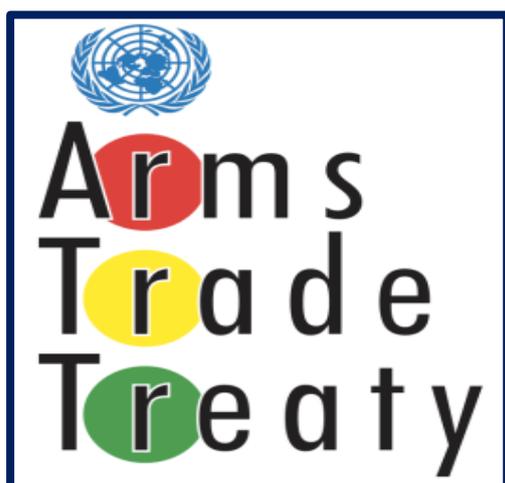
Export Assessment:

- Undertake risk assessments and identify risk mitigation measures
- Issue export authorizations, make information available and keep records on exports
- Provide all relevant information by the importing party
- Adopt measures to prevent diversion

At the time of implementation, some of these requirements may present challenges. UNLIREC's three-day national training course assists States in overcoming these challenges and in fully and effectively implementing the ATT.

ATT TRAINING COURSE

This course is available to ratifying States throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region. It aims to assist States in the creation of national control lists; build the capacities of officials in charge of transfer controls; promote cooperation and coordination among national entities; help to evaluate the risks involved in conventional arms transfers; and highlight the benefits of using standardized end user documentation to help mitigate these risks.



TARGET GROUP

The course targets national authorities with responsibilities in the control of imports and exports of conventional arms:

- Officials in charge of export, import, transit and trans-shipment licenses
- Procurement Officials (Ministries of Defense, Interior, Commerce)
- Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Law enforcement officials (police, customs, intelligence, etc.)
- Ombudsmen Offices
- Monitoring entities of civil society

The course is divided into five modules:

Module 1: Arms Trade in Latin America and the Caribbean

This module provides an overall vision of the arms trade and its impact on Latin America and the Caribbean. Manufacturing processes, international transfers, and main actors are presented.

Module 2: Legal Framework

This module reviews the ATT dispositions, along with the provisions found in other regional and international instruments. Implementation, obligations and prohibitions, risk assessment, risk mitigation measures, end user documentation, brokering, registers, record-keeping, and international cooperation are also dealt with. Implementation of how a national system should be implemented based on identified best practices and international standards is also addressed.

Module 3: Classification of arms and ammunition

This module focuses on the definition and classification of conventional weapons included in the ATT. Additionally, physical and technical features of those conventional weapons subject to ATT regulations are examined along with their ammunition. Participants learn to identify weapons subject

to an international transfer under the scope of the Treaty.

Module 4: Export Assessment

This module provides guidelines and practical tools to undertake export assessments for arms transfers. Special emphasis is placed on the identification of risk mitigation measures for both importing and exporting States.

Module 5: End User Documentation

This module presents proposals for end user certificates, end user declarations, and protocols on their use. Responsibilities in controlling end uses and users are emphasized.

Practical Exercise

Different weapons transfer scenarios are presented. Participants assume different roles in carrying out export assessments based on the tools provided in the course in order to determine whether the transfers should or should not be authorized.

SCHEDULE

The course will be delivered over three days:

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Introduction	Module 2: Legal Framework	Module 5: End User Documents
Module 1: Arms Trade		
Module 2: Legal Framework	Module 3: Classification of Arms and Ammunition	Practical Exercise
Module 2: Legal Framework	Module 4: Export Assessment	
		Practical Exercise: Analysis Evaluation

REGIONAL APPLICATION

UNLIREC's training course is specifically tailored to the Latin American and Caribbean region. However, its core contents are applicable to other regions.

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