COSTA RICA

Was an annual report submitted by 31 May 2019?  
No, missed deadline

Was the Annual Report made public?  
Yes

Was a 'nil' report submitted for exports or imports in 2018?  
No

Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?  
No

What type of report was submitted?  
ATT reporting template

Good practices:
Costa Rica provided clear, disaggregated data for every reported export and import in 2018.
Costa Rica reported disaggregated imports of ammunition under voluntary national categories.
Costa Rica provided descriptions for all small arms exports and imports under voluntary national categories, as well as comments for exports.

Room for improvement:
Costa Rica did not indicate on the front page of its report by ticking the relevant box that it was including national definitions of categories of conventional arms reported.
Costa Rica could provide comments on its reported imports.

Reporting practice summary - 2018
Costa Rica’s reporting remained the same in 2018.
Costa Rica reported Actual Numbers of small arms exports and imports under voluntary national categories and did not report exports or imports of major conventional weapons.

Transfer summary - 2018: Export Data
• Costa Rica reported an export of one small arms item to Colombia in voluntary national categories. The comment on this transfer specifies that the 9mm pistol was transferred along with a private citizen who moved from Costa Rica to Colombia.

Transfer summary - 2018: Import Data
• Costa Rica reported imports from seven countries in 2018. Of these, five were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
• Costa Rica reported the import of 4,621 small arms items under voluntary national categories. Of these, the majority were ‘pistolas’ (87 per cent).
• The main small arms exporters were the United States (82 per cent), Austria (12 per cent) and the Czech Republic (3 per cent).
• Costa Rica reported the import of 16.3m units of ammunition under voluntary national categories.
• The main exporter of ammunition to Costa Rica was the United States (97 per cent).