FINLAND

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2017?  Yes (Date left blank in report)

Was the report made public?  Yes

Was a nil report submitted for exports or imports in 2016?  No

Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?  Yes

Good practice:
Finland provided clear, disaggregated data for every reported export and import in 2016.
Finland provided description of items for major weapon exports and imports, and for SALW imports.

Room for improvement:
Finland ticked ‘yes’ to providing its national definition of categories of conventional arms, but did not include any information in Annex 2.
Finland excluded some data for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons and did not specify where or how much information was withheld.

Reporting practice summary - 2016
Finland indicated that it had changed its definition of the terms ‘export’ and ‘import’. In its 2015 Annual Report it ticked ‘Physical transfer of items across a national border’, but in 2016 it also ticked ‘Transfer of title’ and ‘Transfer of control’ as part of its national definition. Its definition of the term ‘import’ changed from just ‘Physical transfer of items across a national border’ to include ‘Transfer of control’ and ‘Transfer of title’.

Finland reported Actual Numbers of exports and imports of major weapons and SALW.

Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data

- Finland reported exports to 37 countries and territories in 2016.
- Of these, 30 were ATT States Parties, three were Signatories and four were non-members (Canada, Indonesia, Turkmenistan, Vietnam).
- For major weapons, Finland reported the export of 40 armoured combat vehicles to the United Arab Emirates, two to South Africa and one to Poland. It noted in comments that all items were manufactured and shipped from Poland.
- In total, Finland reported the export of 1,448 SALW items, all of which were rifles and carbines. Major importing states were the United States (39 per cent), Germany (10 per cent) and France (8 per cent).

Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data

- Finland reported imports from four countries. Three were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory. It reported no imports from non-members.
- For major weapons, Finland reported 20 battle tanks from the Netherlands (with Germany as the state of origin), one warship from Italy, and 10 MANPADs from the United States.
- The only SALW import reported by Finland in 2016 was for an unspecified number of portable anti-tank missile launchers and rocket systems from Germany.