FRANCE

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2017?  
No – missed deadline

Was the report made public?  
Yes

Was a nil report submitted for exports or imports in 2016?  
Not specified – France used a national reporting template

Was data withheld for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons?  
Not specified – France used a national reporting template

Good practice:
Although France used a national reporting template, it provided information in a format for imports and exports that allows for comparison with States Parties that use the formal template.

France provided descriptions of items for all reported exports and imports, which name the broad sub-category of weapons and in some cases provide additional details such as the calibre.

Room for improvement:
Because France used a national template, it did not explain why it reported no data for major weapons imports in 2016, as well as other key information, such as whether data had been withheld for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons.

Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data
- France reported exports to 42 countries in 2016.
- Of these, 18 were ATT States Parties, 10 were Signatories, and 14 were non-members (Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Egypt, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Uzbekistan).
- France reported a total of 713 major weapon items exported in 2016, covering six sub-categories. Most items were either armoured combat vehicles (49 per cent) or missiles and missile launchers (46 per cent).
- The largest importers of major weapons from France were Saudi Arabia (39 per cent of items) and India (18 per cent).
- For SALW, France reported the export of a total of 2,778 items in 2016, covering six sub-categories. 59 per cent of France’s reported SALW exports in 2016 were revolvers and self-loading pistols.
- The largest importers of SALW were Côte d’Ivoire (33 per cent), Mali and Saudi Arabia (18 per cent each). The single largest export deal for SALW reported was for 605 revolvers and self-loading pistols to Côte d’Ivoire.

Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data
- France reported imports from seven countries in 2016.
- Of these, six were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- France only reported the import of SALW. In total, France reported the import of 2,504 SALW items in 2016, spanning eight sub-categories.
- The majority of France’s reported imports of SALW in 2016 were light machine guns (33 per cent of reported items) or assault rifles (32 per cent).
- The largest importers of SALW to France in 2016 were Belgium (36 per cent of items), Germany (27 per cent) and Switzerland (27 per cent). The largest single import deal reported by France was for 836 light machine guns from Belgium.

Reporting practice summary - 2016
France did not change its reporting practice for its 2016 Annual Report. As in 2015, it used a national reporting template.

France reported Actual Numbers of imports and exports for SALW and for its reported exports of major weapons. France did not report data for imports of major weapons.