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Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2017?  
No

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:

Room for improvement:

Italy named all export destinations and import sources for small arms in a separate annex, making it impossible to determine which weapons were transferred to which country. It did not name exporters or importers involved in the transfer of major weapon categories or for light weapons.

Italy excluded some data for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons and did not specify where or how much information was withheld.

Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data

- Italy reported the export of 1,985 items of major weapons in 2016, covering seven sub-categories. The vast majority of reported major weapon export items were either armoured combat vehicles (51 per cent) or missiles and missile launchers (46 per cent). Italy did not report the export destinations for these weapons.
- Italy reported the export of eight light weapons, all hand-held under-barrel and mounted grenade launchers. Again, it did not report the import destinations.
- Italy reported exporting 99,106 small arms in 2016 covering four sub-categories. 76 per cent of reported small arms exports were revolvers and self-loading pistols.
- Italy reported the importers of its small arms in 2016, but in a separate annex so it was unclear which sub-categories were transferred to which country. In total, it reported exports of small arms to 34 countries in 2016.
- Of these, 11 were ATT States Parties, 10 were Signatories and 13 were non-members (Bolivia, Brunei, Canada, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Vietnam).
- The largest destinations for small arms exports were Mexico (38 per cent), Austria (18 per cent) and Venezuela (10 per cent).

Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data

- For major weapons, Italy reported the import of seven large-calibre artillery systems and 24 missiles and missile launchers. It did not name the exporting countries involved.
- Italy did not report any imports of light weapons in 2016.
- Italy reported the import of 666 small arms in 2016, covering four sub-categories. 70 per cent of these were sub-machine guns.
- Italy reported the countries from which it imported small arms in 2016, but did not disaggregate which sub-categories were involved. In total, it reported small arms imports from five countries in 2016.
- Four of those countries were ATT States Parties, and one was a Signatory.

Reporting practice summary - 2016

The reported cut-off date for Italy’s 2016 Annual Report was 30 May 2017. It changed its definition of the terms ‘export’ and ‘import’ in 2016 from ‘Physical transfer of items across a national border’, defining them instead as ‘Other – Licenses authorized in 2016’.

Italy reported Authorized Numbers of exports and imports for major weapons and SALW. This was a change to its reporting practice for its 2015 Annual Report, when it reported Actual major weapons imports.