

# A HIGHER STANDARD OF TRANSPARENCY

The ATT Monitor considers an annual report to include information that contributes to a higher standard of transparency if:

1. Report includes descriptions of reported transfers that provide details on the make, model and/or calibre of transferred conventional arms
2. Report includes comments on reported transfers that provide details on the nature of the transfer, including end-use/end-user information
3. Report includes '0', 'nil', '/' or any indication that no transfers were made in relevant weapons categories and sub-categories
4. Report clearly indicates that commercially sensitive or national security information was or was not withheld, and if it was, the report indicates what information was withheld
5. Report includes information reported in voluntary national categories that include arms categories covered by Article 2.1 but are not explicitly highlighted in the reporting templates (shotguns, etc.)
6. Report includes information reported in voluntary national categories that include arms categories not covered by Article 2.1 (ammunition, parts and components, gas-powered firearms, etc.)
7. Report includes any other kind of additional information, including national reports and detailed tables
8. Report clearly indicates when it includes national definitions of categories of conventional arms reported and, if so, provides relevant definitions



**DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TYPES OF ARMS EXPORTS AND IMPORTS CAN PROVIDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON WHAT IS BEING TRANSFERRED. INSTEAD OF ONLY USING THE BASIC TEMPLATE SMALL ARMS SUBCATEGORY OF 'ASSAULT RIFLES', STATES PARTIES CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MAKE/MODEL OF THESE ITEMS.**

Over the 2015-2019 period, there has been a high and rising percentage of publicly available reports that included transfer data (excluding 'nil' reports) and also included descriptions. The percentage rose from 70 per cent for 2015 to 76 per cent for 2019.

- Five especially transparent States Parties have included descriptions for every transfer in every report that they were due to submit.

An increasing proportion of publicly available reports that contain transfer data (excluding 'nil' reports) **also include comments**. Forty-six per cent of these reports included comments on some or all transfers for 2015, and that proportion increased to 58 per cent for 2019.

- Nine States Parties have included some comments in every report they were due to submit.

**Table 1 – Number and percentage of publicly available reports including transfer (excluding 'nil' reports) data that include descriptions**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of reports submitted, made publicly available and including transfer data	46	47	52	49	45
Number including arms descriptions	32	35	37	39	34
Per cent including arms descriptions	70	74	71	80	76

**Table 2 – Number and percentage of publicly available reports including transfer data (excluding 'nil' reports) that include comments**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of reports submitted, made publicly available and including transfer data	46	47	52	49	45
Number of reports including comments	21	25	23	25	26
Per cent including comments	46	53	44	51	58

#### KEY FINDING

**Only eight States Parties** have consistently complied with Article 13.3 reporting obligations, provided information in annual reports that goes beyond the minimum information needed in order to contribute to the aims and objectives of the ATT in Article 1, and provided information that supports a higher standard of transparency.