ONLINE EVENT: COARM-NGO forum

Thursday, 10 June 2021

The EEAS and Saferworld are holding two Zoom meetings, both on 10 June, which will cover a range of issues relating to recent and ongoing developments relevant to EU arms export controls. The main focus of the first meeting will be the implications of the recently agreed European Peace Facility (EPF) for arms transfers (and what the EU export control regime will mean for the implementation of the EPF). The second meeting will centre on recent and potential future developments with respect to Member States’ post-export controls.

You are invited to attend either or both virtual sessions; a single registration accesses both sessions.

Session 1: update on COARM priorities, update on legal challenges to certain arms exports, and discussion on the European Peace Facility

1330-1500 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Moderated by Roy Isbister, Saferworld

Panellists

Eran Nagan, COARM Chair (opening remarks)
Valentina Azarova, Global Legal Action Network
Natalia Raz, Deputy Head of Division, European Peace Facility (ISP.5), EEAS
Frank Slijper, PAX

Updates on COARM’s priorities in 2021 and on the current and recent legal proceedings in European states against certain arms exports will be followed by an examination of controlling arms transfers in the context of the newly-agreed European Peace Facility.

Presentations by the panellists will be followed by a moderated discussion/Q&A.
Session 2: Post-export controls and COARM’s searchable online database

1530-1700 CEST

Moderated by Ulf Lindell, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Panellists

Maria Camello, GRIP
Michaela Pospíšilová, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia
Ramón Muro, Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism, Spain

An increasing number of EU Member States have taken the power to conduct post-delivery inspections of transferred arms as part of their control regime. The meeting will examine these recent developments, and consider where post-export controls by Member States might go from here.

The presentations by the panellists will be followed by a moderated discussion/Q&A.

The meeting will conclude with a short demonstration of COARM’s searchable online database, launched in October 2020, which will be updated annually and which contains information on values, destinations and types of arms export licences and actual exports.

Further information on the European Peace Facility:

Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 of 22 March 2021 establishing a European Peace Facility, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/528

EPF fact sheet

Questions & Answers: The EPF

Questions and answers on the EPF’s Integrated Methodological Framework

European ‘Peace’ Facility: Causing harm or bringing peace? (Joint civil society statement, November 2020)

For information on post-export controls:

Contrôles post-exportation (d’armes): vers une pratique généralisée au sein de l’Union européenne? (Maria Camello, GRIP, April 2021)

Post-shipment control measures: European approaches to on-site inspections of exported military materiel (Andrea Varisco, Kolja Brockmann & Lucile Robin, SIPRI, December 2020)