

**Statement delivered by Japan
at the Twelfth Conference of the States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty,
Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR)
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Co-chair,

Japan would like to express its gratitude to the Chair for her efforts on matters relating to transparency and reporting.

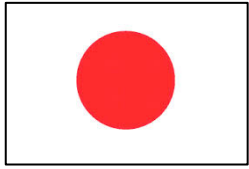
Japan believes that the submission of reports contributes to building trust between states and to international and regional peace, security and stability in line with the objectives of the ATT, whilst also playing a vital role in enhancing transparency and promoting responsible behaviour in the international trade of conventional arms.

Japan has consistently submitted its annual reports on time, often utilising online tools available to assist with this.

In preparing the annual report, it is essential to obtain accurate information from relevant ministries and agencies. It is therefore key to secure their understanding, build trust with the officials responsible for reporting, and conduct prior coordination.

In Japan's case, information contained in the reports to the ATT and the related United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROC) is, for information regarding the import and export of defence equipment primarily based on data from the Ministry of Defence and the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency, and, for information on the import and export of small arms including firearms, based on trade statistics from the Ministry of Finance.

Japan recognises that, in addition to reporting issues arising from the administrative and legal systems of each country, inter-ministerial coordination is not



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always a straightforward task; however, should there be any other specific difficulties encountered in fulfilling reporting obligations, Japan would like to take note of these, which would be helpful for future cooperation.

Furthermore, the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF), a vital support framework for the implementation of ATT, is also a useful tool for capacity building to fulfil reporting obligations. Japan therefore encourages the use of the VTF programme where necessary.

Lastly, Japan calls upon all States Parties to fulfil their obligations regarding the submission of initial and annual reports.

Thank you, Co-chair.

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