

POSITION PAPER



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Emphasis on USA Second Amendment)

Country: Sweden

Dear delegates,

The Kingdom of Sweden, a Nordic nation renowned for its steadfast commitment to peace, democracy, and human rights, is also one of the world's leading exporters of advanced defence equipment, including fighter aircraft, naval systems, and missile technology. As a signatory to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) since 2014, Sweden has consistently championed global transparency and responsible arms transfers. Swedish arms exports are directed primarily toward democratic nations and strategic partners, under strict national regulations designed to prevent misuse.

However, emerging challenges demand renewed global attention. Sweden's historical neutrality-based export rules required revision following its 2024 accession to NATO. Isolated incidents of Swedish-made dual-use goods appearing in conflict zones have raised compliance concerns, and the complexity of the export licensing process has created inefficiencies for over 400 domestic subcontractors.

In response, Sweden has enacted significant reforms. Export regulations were updated to align with NATO obligations while preserving robust human rights safeguards. A strengthened end-user verification system now ensures that Swedish arms and dual-use goods are not diverted to conflict areas. Additionally, the digitalisation of the export licensing framework has reduced administrative burdens and accelerated approval timelines.

Sweden believes that such measures — combining transparency, rigorous compliance checks, and streamlined procedures — should be adopted by all arms-exporting nations to enhance global trust, reduce illicit trade, and prevent human rights violations.

Sweden remains committed to working collaboratively within the United Nations to strengthen multilateral arms control mechanisms, uphold the principles of the ATT, and contribute to a safer, more peaceful world.