

Statistics update 2014

Reporting to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms

The United Nations Register of Conventional Arms,¹ established in 1992, is a global transparency instrument designed to prevent the excessive and destabilising accumulation of conventional arms, and to enhance transparency in international arms transfers. Every year, UN Member States are called upon to provide information on exports and imports of conventional weapons in seven categories. States are also invited to provide additional background information, on military holdings, procurement through national production, national policies, and international transfers of small arms and light weapons.

www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Register

I. Global Participation

The effectiveness of the Register as a global confidence-building measure is tied closely to the level of participation by Member States. Therefore, consistent reporting to the Register by all Member States regardless of whether they are engaged in arms transfers – by submitting either a report on actual exports and imports or a "nil return" – is a crucial element in further enhancing its value.

To date, 170 States have reported at least once to the Register since its establishment in 1992. After a decade of relatively high participation in the Register, the number of reporting States has declined in recent years. Rates of participation by region vary greatly. A complete table of participation by Member States for the period 2005-2014 is annexed to this document.

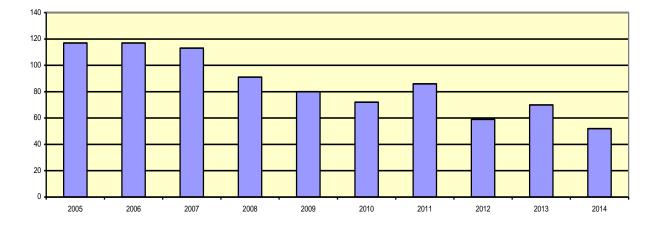


Figure 1: Global participation in the UN Register (2005-2014)

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Figure 2: Regional participation, percentage (2005-2014)

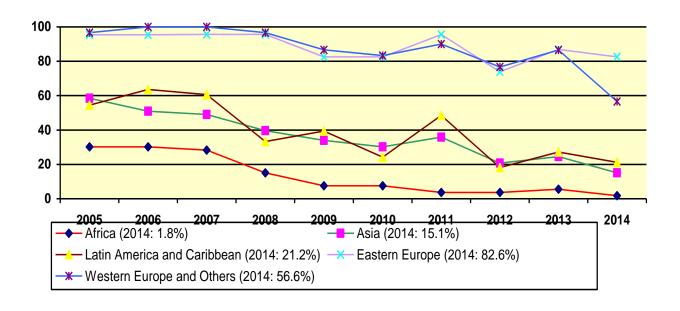
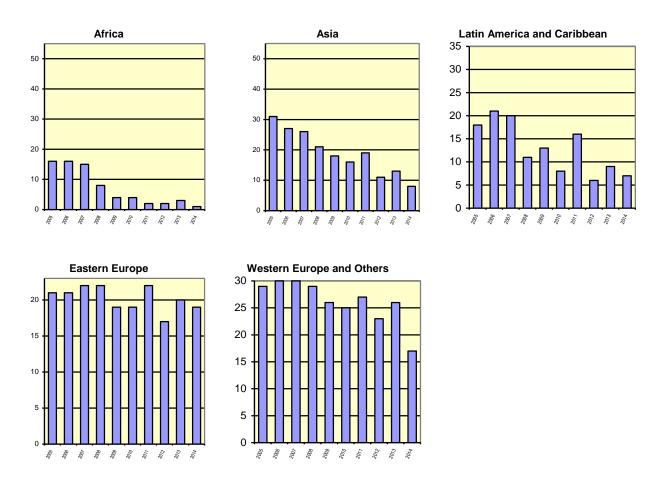


Figure 3: Regional participation, number (2005-2014)



II. Information reported on the Register

Among the 52 countries who reported thus far in 2014, 28 countries *exported* conventional arms, and 21 countries *imported* these. In addition, as a part of background information, 20 countries provided information on their military holdings, 8 on procurement through national production, and 32 on international transfers of SALW (including two "nil reports") (Fig. 4).

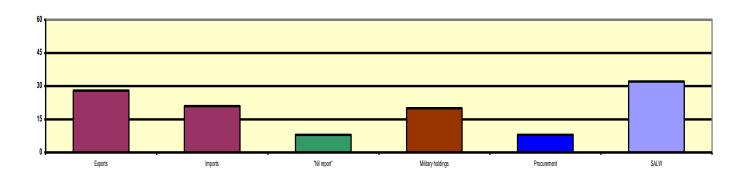


Figure 4: Information reported to the Register in 2014 (52 reports)

III. Information reported on transfers of SALW

Responding to the growing concern by Member States with regard to the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW), in 2003 the General Assembly recommended that Member States report their exports and imports of SALW to the UN Register.

Since then, 80 Member States have reported their exports and imports of SALW, including providing a "nil report", at least once. In recent years, nearly two-thirds of national reports submitted to the Register contained data on SALW transfers.

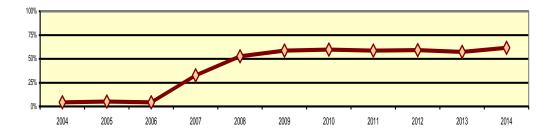


Figure 5: Reports with data on SALW transfers, percentage

There is considerable regional disparity in reporting on SALW. In 2014, by far the most reports with data on the export and import of SALW -25 out of 32 – were submitted by States belonging to two regional groups.

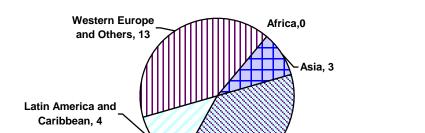


Figure 6: Reporting in 2014 on transfers of SALW, by region

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IV. Selected activities (2014) by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs to promote the UN Register of Conventional Arms

Note Verbale:	28 February 2014	to all 193 UN Member States
Letters to chairs of UN regional groups:	16 July 2014 8 October 2014	to 5 Group Chairs to 5 Group Chairs
Reminder fax to States who had not yet submitted reports:	18 August 2014	to 154 States
Reminder emails to National Point of Contact:	26 August 2014 2 October 2014	to 77 States to 89 States
(and further follow-up by Regional Centres)	2 October 2014	io os siales
SG reports: Main report (A/69/124) Addendum (A/69/124/Add.1)	15 July 2014 9 September 2014	containing 34 national reports containing a further 11 national reports
Briefings: During the UN Disarmament Commission During the GA First Committee	8 April 2014 17 October 2014	22 participants from 19 States 31 participants from 29 States
Capacity-building: Launch of quick-guide for using online reporting tool ² Launch of a video tutorial for online reporting tool ³	April 2014 April 2014	

Communication to Member States:

 $^{^2 \ {\}it Embedded in Online reporting template } \ \ www.un-register.org/Reporting/login.aspx$

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Annex = Submission of reports by year / country

1. African States

	Year of SG Report	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	No. of Reports	16	16	15	8	4	4	2	2	3	1
1.	Algeria										
2.	Angola										
3.	Benin										
4.	Botswana										
5.	Burkina Faso	V	√	V							
6.	Burundi	√	V			√					
7.	Cameroon										
8.	Cape Verde										
9.	Central African Republic										
10.	Chad										
11.	Comoros	V	√				√			V	
12.	Congo										
13.	Côte D'Ivoire										
14.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	V									
15.	Djibouti		V	V	V						
16.	Egypt				·						
17.	Equatorial Guinea										
18.	Eritrea										
19.	Ethiopia										
20.	Gabon	√		V							
21.	Gambia	Ż		Ż							
22.	Ghana	· ·		'	√						
23.	Guinea				,						
24.	Guinea-Bissau										
25.	Kenya		√	V	√						
26.	Lesotho	√	V	Y	,						
27.	Liberia	· ·	· ·								
28.	Libya										
29.	Madagascar							√4			
30.	Malawi	√						,			
31.	Mali	,		V							
32.	Mauritania			Y							
33.	Mauritius	√	√		√		√			√	
34.	Morocco	· ·	· ·		· ·		\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \			· ·	
35.	Mozambique	√	√	V					V		
36.	Namibia	Ž	V	V	√				`		
37.	Niger	Y	V	Y	,						
38.	Nigeria		, v								
39.	Rwanda										
40.	Sao Tome and Principe										
41.	Senegal	√	1	V							
42.	Seychelles	V	V	V		√					
43.	Sierra Leone	4	V	V		, v					
44.	Somalia		, v	, ·							
45.	South Africa	√	V	V	√	√	√	1	√	√	√
46.	South Sudan ⁵	4	· ·	\ \ \	, ·	, v	, v	· ·	, ·	, ·	· ·
47.	Sudan										
48.	Swaziland			V	1	1					
49.	Togo			1	1	V					
50.	Tunisia			V	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		1				
51.	Uganda						V				
52.	United Republic of Tanzania	1	7								
53.	Zambia	√ √		2							
		V	V	√							
54.	Zimbabwe										

⁴ Submitted in 2012

⁵ South Sudan is a Member State since 2011

2. Asian States

	Year of SG Report	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	No. of Reports	31	27	26	21	18	16	19	11	13	8
1.	Afghanistan										
2.	Bahrain										
3.	Bangladesh	√	V			V		V			
4.	Bhutan				√	√		√		√	
5.	Brunei Darussalam				√						
6.	Cambodia	√					√	√		√	V
7.	China				√	√	√	√	V	√	√
8.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea				,						
9.	Fiji	√	-	√ ,	√		,	,	,		
10.	India	√	V	√	√	V	√	√	√	√	
11.	Indonesia	√	1		√	√					
12.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)										
13.	Iraq		,	,	,	,	1		,	,	
14.	Japan	√	√ /	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
15.	Jordan	√	1	.,	√	- 1			- 1	- 1	
16.	Kazakhstan	1	1	1		√	√		√	√	√
17.	Kiribati	√	1	√							
18.	Kuwait		1		- 1		- 1				
19.	Kyrgyzstan	√	√		√		√ -				
20.	Lao PDR		,	,	,	,	√ -				
21.	Lebanon	1	V	√	√	V	√	V		- 1	√
22.	Malaysia	1	1	1	- 1	1	√	√	√ -	√	
23.	Maldives	√	1	√	√				√		
24.	Marshall Islands	1	1	.,							
25.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	1	1	1	- 1						
26.	Mongolia	√	√	√	√			√			
27.	Myanmar		-/	-/	-1	-/	-1			-1	
28. 29.	Nauru		√	√	√	√	√			√ √	
30.	Nepal Oman	√								7	
31.	Pakistan			ام		ا		ام		√	
32.	Palau	√ √	√ √	√ √	√ √	√		√ √		V	
33.	Papua New Guinea	V	V	٧	V			V			
34.	Philippines	1		1		1					
35.	Qatar	V		٧		V					√
36.	Republic of Korea	√	1	√	√	1	√	√	√	√	√ √
37.	Samoa	1	1	1	√	1	V	V	V	V	V
38.	Samoa Saudi Arabia	V	V	٧	٧	V	V	V	V		
39.	Singapore	√	1	√	√	1	√	√	√	√	
40.	Solomon Islands	√	1	√ √	V	1	_ v	V	, v	V	
41.	Sri Lanka	 	· ·	,		, v		,			
42.	Syrian Arab Republic										
43.	Tajikistan	√	√	√	√	V	√	√			
44.	Thailand	V	V	,	•	, v	V	V	√		
45.	Timor-Leste	,	,				1	,	,		
46.	Tonga	√		√							
47.	Turkmenistan	V	1	,				√			
48.	Tuvalu	1	V	√				, v			
49.	United Arab Emirates	,	, v	,							
50.	Uzbekistan										
51.	Vanuatu	√	1								
52.	Vietnam	1	1	√	√	1	√	√	√	√	√
53.	Yemen	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	v v	٧	٧	, v	V	V	v v	V	¥
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3. Latin American and Caribbean States

	Year of SG Report	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	No. of Reports	18	21	20	11	13	8	16	6	9	7
1.	Antigua and Barbuda		V	V	V	√	V	V			
2.	Argentina	√		V	√	√	V	√	V	√	
3.	Bahamas										
4.	Barbados										
5.	Belize	V	√	V	√	√		V			
6.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	V	V	V		V	V				
7.	Brazil	V	V	V	√	√	V	√		V	√
8.	Chile	V	V	V	V	√	V	√	V	√	
9.	Colombia				√		V	V			
10.	Costa Rica	V	V	V		√					
11.	Cuba	V	V	V							
12.	Dominica										
13.	Dominican Republic							V			
14.	Ecuador		V					V	V		
15.	El Salvador			V	V			V	V	V	√
16.	Grenada	√	V		√	V		√		V	√
17.	Guatemala	√	√	V	√						
18.	Guyana	V	V					√			
19.	Haiti		·	V							
20.	Honduras										
21.	Jamaica	√	V	V						V	
22.	Mexico	V	V	V	√	√	V	V	V	V	$\sqrt{}$
23.	Nicaragua		V	V							
24.	Panama		·	V		1					
25.	Paraguay	V	√	V							
26.	Peru	Ż	·			1	√	1			
27.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	·	√				,				
28.	Saint Lucia	√	Ż	√							
29.	Saint Vincent and Grenadines	V	V	V		V					
30.	Suriname	,	V	V	√	į		√			
31.	Trinidad and Tobago	√	Ż	V	,	,		V		√	√
32.	Uruguay	'	,	,				V		V	V
33.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)							,		,	,

4. Eastern European States

	Year of SG Report	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	No. of Reports	21	21	22	22	19	19	22	17	20	19
1.	Albania	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	√		√	√	√	√	√
2.	Armenia	√	V	V	V	V	V	V		V	
3.	Azerbaijan	√	V	V		V	V	V	V		√
4.	Belarus	√	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	√	√
5.	Bosnia and Herzegovina		V	√	V	V	V	V		√	√
6.	Bulgaria	√	V	V	V	√	V	V	V	√	V
7.	Croatia	√	V	V	V	V		V	V	V	V
8.	Czech Republic	√	V	V	V	V		V	V	V	V
9.	Estonia	√	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
10.	Georgia	√	V	V	V						
11.	Hungary	√	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	√	√
12.	Latvia	√	V	V	V	V	V	V		√	√
13.	Lithuania	√	V	V	V	√	V	V	V	√	V

14.	Montenegro ⁶				V			√	√		$\sqrt{}$
15.	Poland	√	V	√	V	√		V	√	√	$\sqrt{}$
16.	Republic of Moldova	√	V	√	V	√	√	V		V	$\sqrt{}$
17.	Romania	√	V	√	V	√	√	V	√	V	$\sqrt{}$
18.	Russian Federation	√	V	√	V	√	√	V	√	V	$\sqrt{}$
19.	Serbia	√		√	V		√	V		V	$\sqrt{}$
20.	Slovakia	√	V	√	V	√		V	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
21.	Slovenia						\checkmark	\checkmark		~	
22.	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia		√	√	V	√	√	V	√	V	
23.	Ukraine	√	V	√	V	√	√	V	√	V	$\sqrt{}$

5. Western European and Other States

	Year of SG Report	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	No. of Reports	29	30	30	29	26	25	27	23	25	17
1.	Andorra	√	V	V		√	√	V	V	√	
2.	Australia	√	V	V	V	√	√	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	
3.	Austria	√	V	V	V	√	√	V		√	
4.	Belgium	√	V	V	V	√	√	V	√	√	
5.	Canada	V	V	V	V	√	√	V		√	
6.	Cyprus	V	V	V	V	V		V	V	√	
7.	Denmark	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	V	V	V
8.	Finland	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	V	V	V
9.	France	√	V	V	V	√		V	V		
10.	Germany	\checkmark	V		√	√	√	√	√		$\sqrt{}$
11.	Greece	V	V	V	V		√	V	V	V	
12.	Iceland	V	V	V	V			V			
13.	Ireland	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
14.	Israel	√	V	V	V	√	√	V	V		
15.	Italy	V	V	V	V	√	√	V	V		
16.	Liechtenstein	V	V	V	V	√	√	V	V	√	
17.	Luxembourg		V	V	V					√	
18.	Malta	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	V		
19.	Monaco		V		$\sqrt{}$		√				
20.	Netherlands		V		$\sqrt{}$		√				
21.	New Zealand		V		V		√				
22.	Norway	√			V	√		V	V		
23.	Portugal	V	V	V	V	√	√	V	V	√	
24.	San Marino	V	V	V	V			V	V	V	V
25.	Spain	V	V	V	V			V	V	V	
26.	Sweden	V	V	V	V	V			V	V	V
27.	Switzerland	V	V	V	V	V		V	V	V	V
28.	Turkey	V	V	V	V	V		V			V
29.	United Kingdom	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	V		V
30.	United States	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	V	√	

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ Montenegro is a Member State since 2006