

Towards an Arms Trade Treaty – Brokering
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The very nature of the arms trade requires special terms of Governmental control over it. Ideally, we should strive for measures aimed at establishing and strengthening State monopoly on weapons' transfers abroad.

It is not only a matter of critical importance for States but their primary obligation to guarantee strict Governmental controls over all stages of transaction. To this end the Russian Delegation proposes a simple and efficient way to achieve it through what we call a **Sole Broker Concept**.

In our view the **Concept**, if implemented universally, would provide a lot of advantages. **At national level** such a Broker authorized by the Government would be fully accountable and thus have no room for breaking laws and regulations. **At global level** the only national broker should be internationally recognized as a representative of a respective Government. In the end it is much easier for all of us to keep under control one well-known broker than multiple ones.

The success here can become a decisive factor in our common fight against **illegal brokering** and, consequently, contribute to preventing further spread of illegal arms trafficking.