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From:	European External Action Service
To:	Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports
Subject:	AAMVS – note by GICHD-AMAT for COARM meeting on 13 May 2025

For the purpose of COARM meeting on 13 May 2025, Delegations will find attached a background note by GICHD-AMAT on the ongoing implementation of Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2275 in support of the development of an internationally recognised arms and ammunition management validation system (AAMVS) to prevent illicit proliferation.

Briefing Note**Subject: AAMVS Implementation – Progress and Next Steps (COARM, 13 May 2025)**

This briefing note is intended for COARM representatives in preparation for the presentation on the Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System (AAMVS) project, scheduled during the COARM session on 13 May 2025.

BACKGROUND

The implementation of Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2275 and the AAMVS project is entering its final phase. Over the past two years, AMAT–GICHD has worked closely with experts, national authorities, regional organizations, and partner entities to develop and test a system for exchanging information on weapons and ammunition management capabilities.

AAMVS SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

The current version of the [AAMVS self-assessment tool](#) has been launched for final testing under the user trial phase. It consists of:

- 37 questions structured across 9 categories aligned with IATG 01.30;
- 3/5 selectable responses per question;
- Evidence required for 12 key questions, identified through previous pilots as essential for exporters and feasible for importers.

USER TRIAL

The user trial began in 2025 to test the tool's usability and practical application among a wide range of national authorities. Outreach efforts are ongoing to engage both EU Member States and third countries. Currently, three states are actively participating, with further outreach underway. The trial will continue through Q2 and Q3 of 2025, concluding with a final workshop to consolidate feedback and finalise the package for submission to the EU by the end of the year.

AAMVS PLATFORM

To support implementation, GICHD–AMAT will set up a temporary, restricted-access platform to:

- Host the AAMVS self-assessment tool and guidance;
- Provide updates and reference materials;
- Facilitate communication with participants.

The platform can be transferred to a COARM-managed platform upon request, ensuring long-term sustainability and ownership.

REQUESTS TO COARM AND MEMBER STATES

To ensure successful implementation, we kindly request the following:

- Invite Member States to test the AAMVS tool, with GICHD–AMAT support if needed;
- Encourage participation from all EU Member States in the user trial to help validate and refine the tool
- Facilitate outreach to third countries, especially those with relevant stockpile management needs or regional influence;
- Share feedback on the tool's usability, clarity, and relevance based on national experiences;
- Promote use of the tool in international fora, including the Global Framework on Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management (June, NYC) and the ATT (August, Geneva).
- Designate a focal point and provide contact details for access to the AAMVS platform.

Your engagement and support are essential to ensure the AAMVS tool is fit-for-purpose and widely adopted as a practical instrument for strengthening conventional weapons and ammunition management, in line with international good practices.

We remain available for any further information or presentations as needed.

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