

SMALL ARMS, LIGHT WEAPONS, AND AMMUNITION TRANSFERS - HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PREVENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ATROCITIES?

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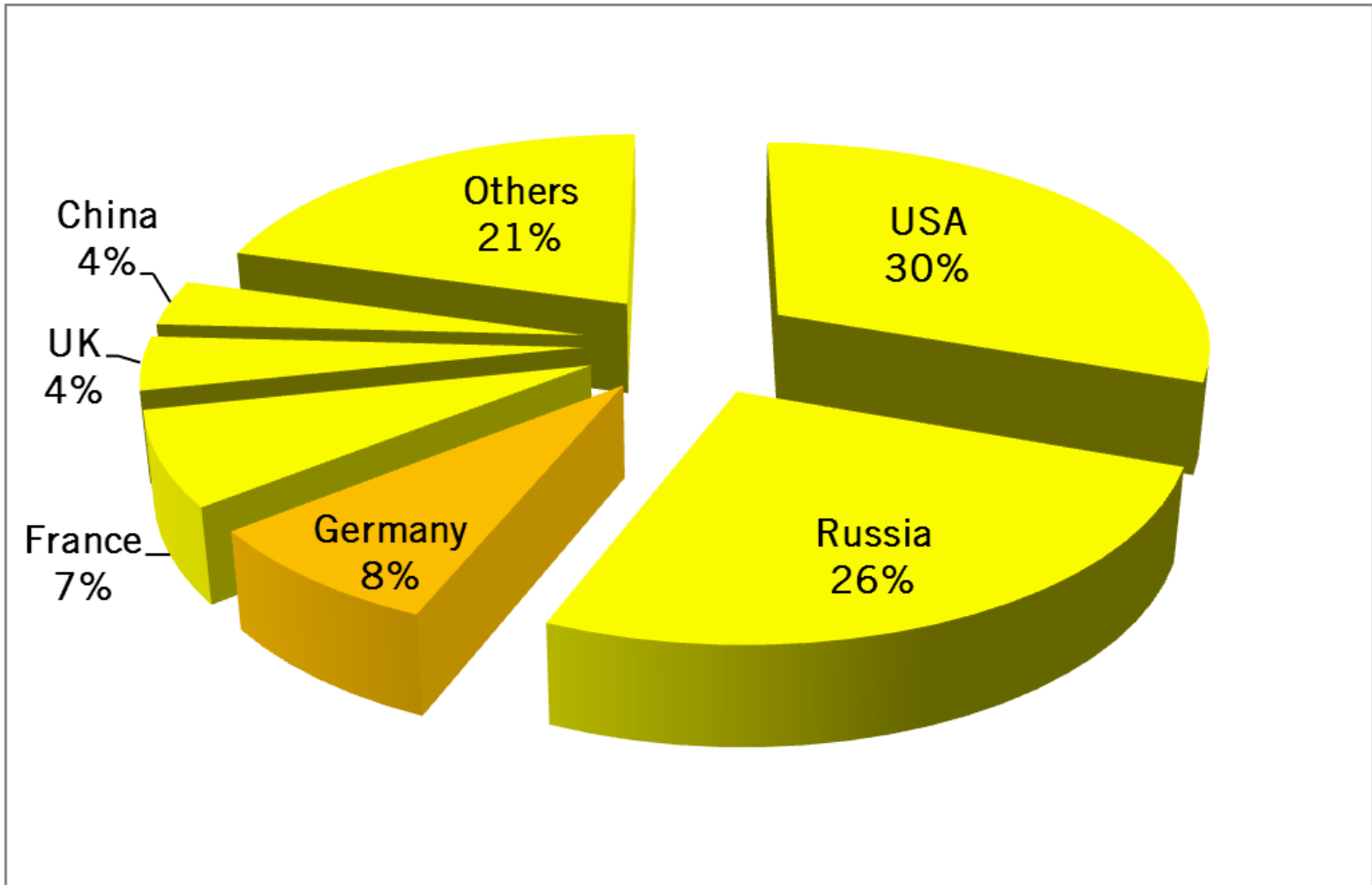
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THE PROBLEM: TOP 6 EXPORTERS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS (2002-2012)



Source SIPRI 2013: Conventional major weapons (e.g. main battle tanks, fighter aircraft, war ships, artillery, missiles, and others). SIPRI statistics don't include small arms, light weapons, and ammunition.



THE PROBLEM: COMPLEXITY OF GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFERS



commercial exports

- weapon systems
- ammunition
- parts/components
- repair
- combat enhancement
- consulting/training
- licenced production
- delivery of manufacturing facilities

governmental military aid

- arms
- training/advice

brokering

financing / indemnity bonds



THE PROBLEM

Arms Transfers – too many weapons in wrong hands



armed conflicts and irresponsible arms transfers contribute to the destruction of millions of lives and livelihoods across the world



at least 60% of human rights violations documented by Amnesty International in a 10-year structured sample involved the use of small arms and light weapons



thousands of women and girls are sexually abused at gunpoint or become victims of mass rape in conflict



violent conflict and arms transfers threaten the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations



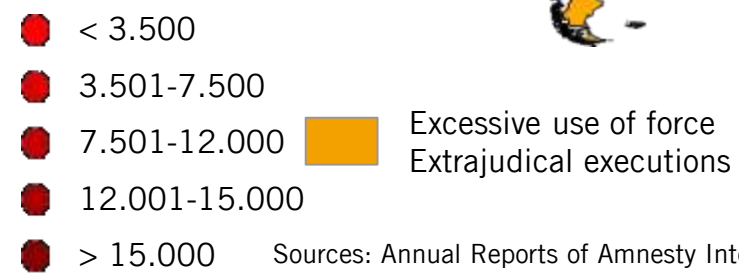
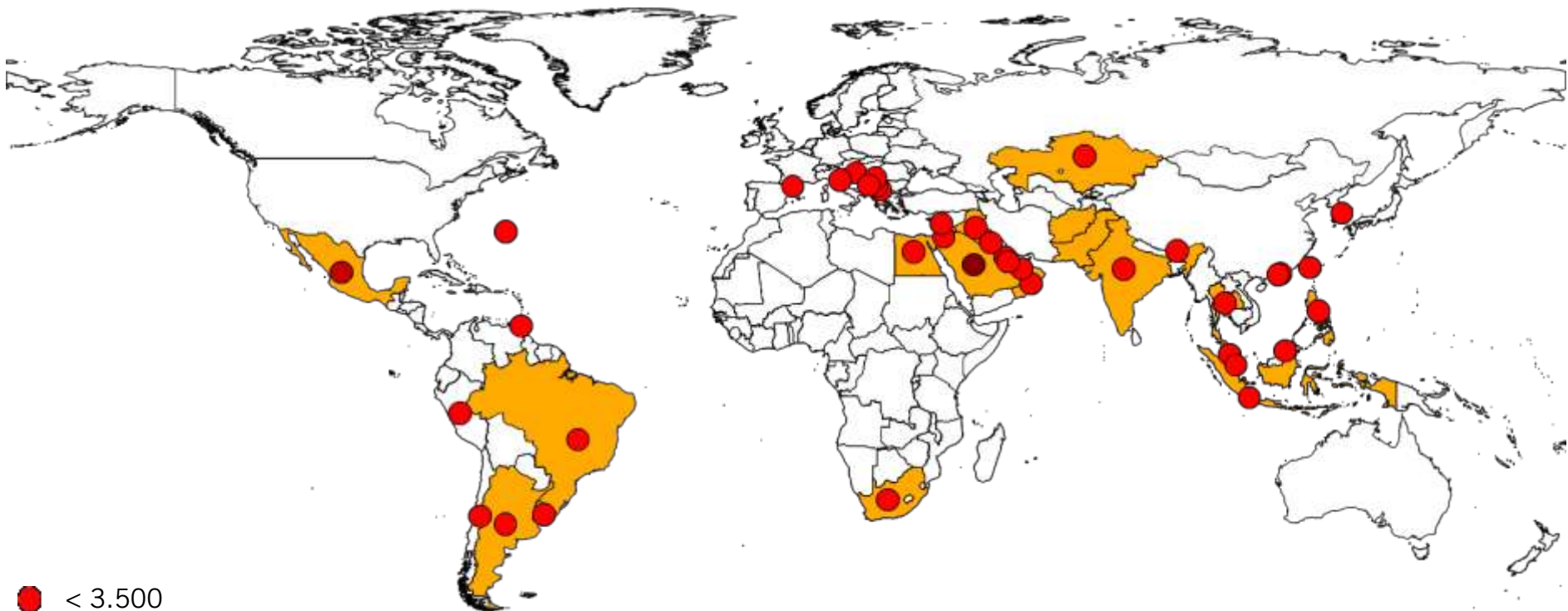
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Small Arms, light weapons and ammunition



THE PROBLEM: GERMAN EXPORT LICENCES FOR SMALL ARMS

German military small arms export licences to third countries 2007-2011 aggregated numbers – submachine guns, assault rifles, machine guns



Sources: Annual Reports of Amnesty International 2011, 2012, 2013
Reports by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on its Policy on Exports of Conventional Military equipment 2008 - 2012



BUILDING A FRAMEWORK FOR SALW AND AMMUNITION TRANSFER CONTROLS

Voluntary transparency instruments

- UN Register of Conventional Arms

Voluntary control instruments

- POA to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
- International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS)
- Wassenaar Arrangement

Legally binding control instruments

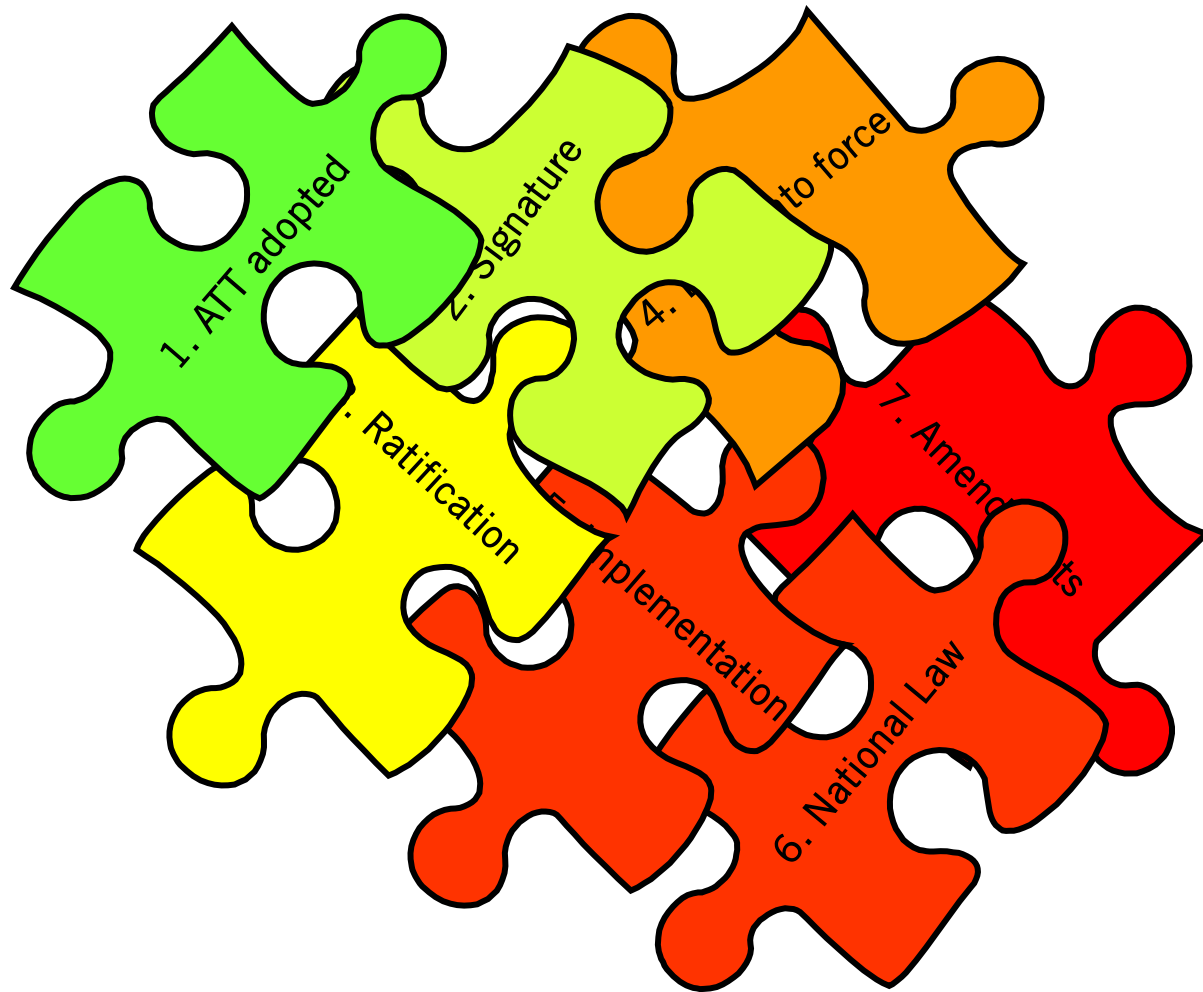
- National firearms law
- National export control legislation
- Regional arms transfer regulations, e.g. EU Common Position

International treaties and conventions

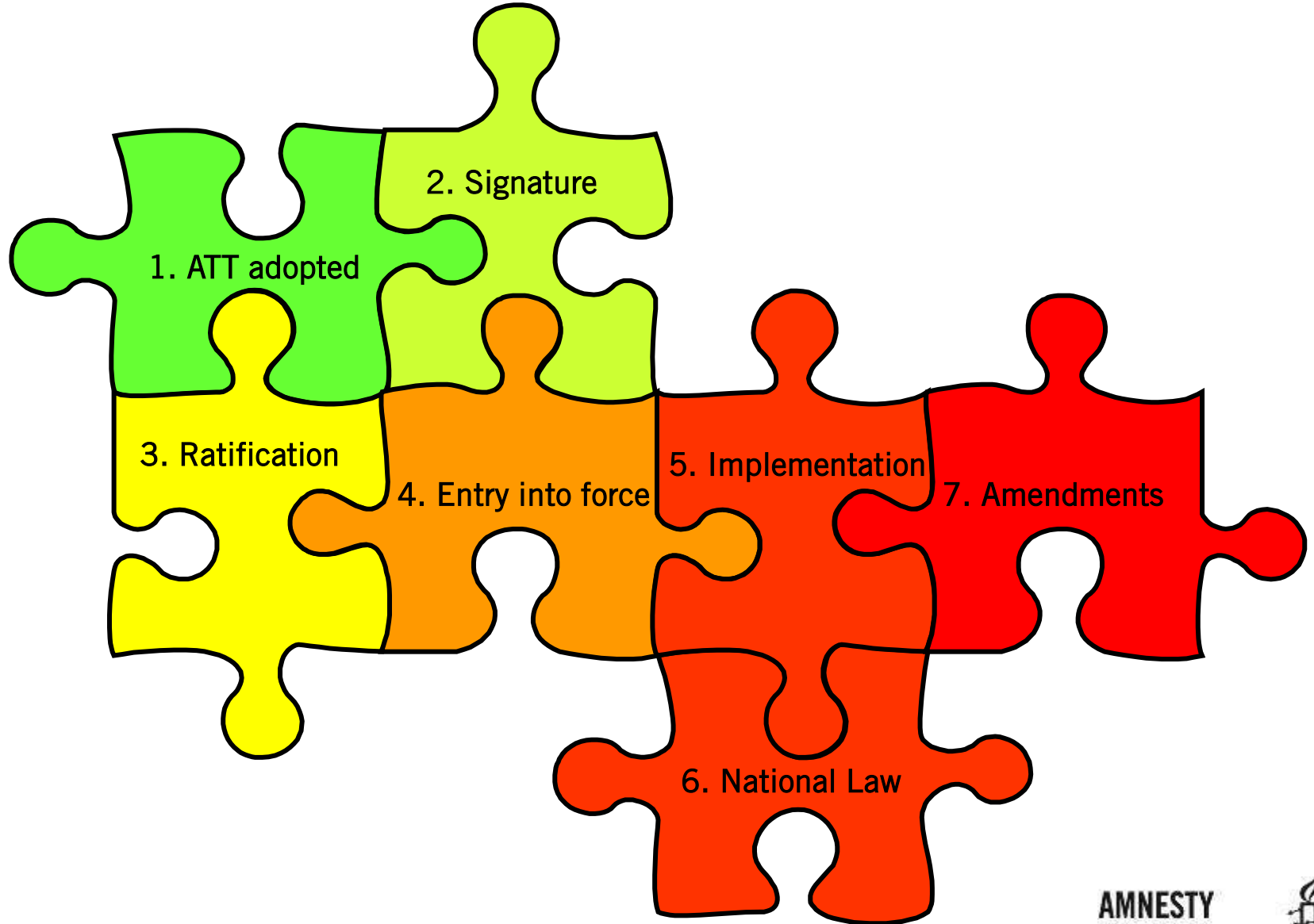
- Firearms Protocoll
- Arms Trade Treaty



FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND ROBUST ATT - LET'S ASSEMBLE THE PUZZLE!



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HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ARMS TRANSFER CONTROLS

- Immediate signature and ratification of the ATT - international campaign for rapid ratification by 50 states and more to bring into force the ATT
- Effective implementation of the ATT provisions in the signatory states as soon as possible
- Integration of countries that abstained in UNGA decision
- Optimization of the ATT



HIGHEST NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ARMS TRANSFER CONTROLS

- Consistent arms export legislation with a legally-binding human rights clause for all arms transfers, including dual-use goods
- Full transparency on all arms transfers including dual-use goods and military/police training
- mandatory accountability on the application of human rights criterion for arms export licenses
- Involvement of parliament in arms export decisions
- Improved control of deliveries, shipments, and end use/final destination



VITAL ROLE OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY: CONTINUOUS PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND ADVOCACY

control arms

NO ARMS FOR ATROCITIES



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