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From a UK perspective, we maintain that a strong export licensing system and robust risk assessment prior to the transfer of small arms and light weapons are critical in the prevention of diversion to unauthorised end users. While it is right that we look for ways to improve implementation of the Treaty, we must ensure that we do not build unnecessary barriers to fully realising its objective and purpose. Setting additional burdens beyond the obligations of the Treaty, for example in the area of post-delivery requirements, risks creating insurmountable hurdles to the detriment of full implementation