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Corruption in the Official Arms Trade

"COAT"

- Set up in the summer of 1999
- First Conference set in Stockholm 2000
- Second Conference in Cambridge 2001
- Steering committee convening in 2002
- Presented within the EU during the Swedish Presidency 2001

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- Joint project
- Swedish Government
- Transparency International
- Unique mix of views
- Government, Industry, Military and Academia

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- Special traits of the arms trade
 - Seductively large amounts of money
 - Implications for national defence
 - Top of the line technology
 - Double layer secrecy
 - commercial and national

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- *The Government perspective*
- Importer - Exporter
- Waste of resources
- Aid aspect
- Accountability
- Following the rules - PR
- The OECD convention

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- *The Industry perspective*
- Costs
- Who pays - just a pricetag?
- Reputation
- Level playingfield
- The OECD convention

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- *The Military perspective*
- Getting what you want
- Relationship with other parts of the administration
- Budgetary restraints
- Legitimate defence concerns

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- *The Academia perspective*
- NGO mandates and purposes
- Research facilities
- Tool for transparency
- Making a difference
- Can be instrumental as check points

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- The Stockholm meeting 2001
- Initiation of process
- Identification of the problem from different angles
- Network building
- First draft of list of recommendations

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- The Cambridge meeting 2001
- Taking one step further
- Singling out options
- Same set of partners
- Highlighting obstacles
- Forming the Steering group (first meeting in Stockholm 2002)

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■ The Integrity Pact

- TI tool
- anti bribery commitment
- on all different levels
- accountability
- surveillance/neutral check point
- adaptation to the arms trade

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- Future steps
- Continue development and adaptation of IP - just naming one option
- Continue work within the Steering Group
- Outreach
- Raising the issue - internationally

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