



**WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIES AND COMPLEMENTARITIES
BETWEEN THE ATT, THE ECOWAS CONVENTION ON SALW,
THE UNPoA AND OTHER RELATED INSTRUMENTS**

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Key Highlights and Conclusions:

The key highlights and conclusions of the workshop are as follows:

- The workshop acknowledged that ECOWAS Member States need to take into account the varied obligations placed on them by international instruments on arms control and foster harmonization of implementation efforts.
- A major preoccupation of the ECOWAS Member States is defining practical strategies for the implementation of the ATT.
- The fields of application of the various instruments will remain important issues when harmonizing implementation of the ECOWAS Convention on SALW and the ATT.
- ECOWAS Member States must decide whether they adopt one single law implementing the ECOWAS Convention on SALW, the ATT and other related instruments, or, taking into account current legislative review processes, whether they adopt multiple laws which become part of a “disarmament code”.
- The workshop underscored the imperative of initiating the process of revising the scope of the ECOWAS Convention on SALW as well as the mandate of the National Commissions on SALW in Member States, for the purpose of meeting the requirements for the implementation of the ATT.
- The workshop stressed the importance of cooperation in the implementation of the various instruments on several levels: Coordination is needed within the Member States and with other Member States as well as with international partners.
- As per the ECOWAS Convention on SALW, the ECOWAS Commission should continue its coordinative role in the implementation of the Convention, which is closely linked to the implementation of the ATT.

Recommendations:

Following the two days of extensive and constructive engagements, the workshop rounded up with the following key recommendations;

- The meeting urges the ECOWAS Commission to put in place a group of experts to suggest modalities for institutional arrangements necessary for the implementation of the ATT and other related arms control instruments.

- ECOWAS Member States and other stakeholders are expected to further enrich the Study on Synergies and Complementarities between the ATT, the ECOWAS Convention on SALW, the UNPoA and other Related Instruments and to take ownership.