

Of the thirty-three states submitting Background Information, 13 submitted information on their military holdings and procurement through national production of arms in the seven categories covered by the Register. Seven additional countries reported information on their holdings only. Many of these states reported on their security and/or arms transfer policies.²³

Quality of Reporting

The Register allows for verification through cross-checking, as it asks member states to report both exports and imports. It is possible to determine the extent to which the reports of exporters and importers match, especially when reporting the same transfer. Four types of cases occurred in the reports:

- A) The transfer was reported by both exporter and importer and the number of items matched.
– 51 (26%) of the 194 transfers recorded.
- B) The transfer was reported by both exporter and importer but the number of items reported did not match.
– 16 (8%) of the 194 transfers recorded.
- C) The transfer was reported by only the exporter or importer, since the other party participated in the Register process but did not report this particular transfer.
– 70 (36%) of the 194 transfers recorded.
- D) The transfer was reported by only the exporter or importer, since the other party did not participate in the Register process.
– 57 (30%) of the 194 transfers recorded.

This analysis of matching data, when applied to the seven categories of weapons, reveals that for certain categories, exporter and importer states more readily agreed on the specifics of the transfer, as evidenced by a higher level of matching data. In the table below the percentage indicates the level of agreement among exporter and importer as to the *number of items* transferred.

²³ For a thorough assessment of this information see Malcolm Chalmers and Owen Greene, *Background Information: An Analysis of Information Provided to the UN on Military Holdings and Procurement Through National Production in the First Year of the Register of Conventional Arms*, Bradford Arms Register Studies No. 3 (Bradford, UK: Bradford University Department of Peace Studies, March 1994).