Arms Trade Treaty: ratification by Member States

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The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the report by David MARTIN (S&D, UK) on the draft Council decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Arms Trade Treaty.

Whilst regretting the loopholes and limited scope of the Treaty, Members considered that a quick ratification by all EU Member States would send a message to third countries that have not yet ratified such as the United States.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the approval of the draft Council Decision with respect to the matters falling under the exclusive competence of the Union.