

UniCredit Position Statement on Defense / Weapons Industry

■ Defense Sector Policy

While the defense industry is not a mainstay of our business, UniCredit understands the concerns of many of its stakeholders (including shareholders, customers and non-government organizations) regarding the financing of an industry that may derive its revenue and profits from conflict and instability. We understand the dilemma this critical and controversial issue presents and how rapidly the debate regarding it is evolving.

The defense industry is complex and understanding which businesses may be involved in it and the degree of involvements is challenging.

We share our stakeholders concerns regarding the variety of unconventional/controversial weapons being produced and used in the world today and have a position against the financing such weapons. Of course certain types of weapons are necessary for the effective pursuit of morally sound and internationally accepted goals such as peacekeeping and national self-defense.

■ Key foundations of our defense industry policy:

1. Any involvement of UniCredit in business transactions concerning weapons is restricted to countries that comply with the most important international Treaties and Conventions on the following issues: nuclear weapons, biological & chemical weapons, conventional weapons, missiles, small arms, light weapons and dual-use goods.
2. UniCredit, following an internal analysis, abstains from financing transactions involving manufacturing, maintaining or trading controversial/unconventional products such as nuclear, biological & chemical weapons of mass destruction, cluster bombs, mines and Uranium 238.
3. UniCredit does not deal with wholesale arms merchants. The recipients or end-users of arms must be governments, governmental organizations, state-owned companies or supranational organizations and must not transfer the arms to any recipient outside their countries; exceptions are permitted for hunting and sporting weapons (excluding automatic rifles), for a limited set of countries .

■ Open stakeholder dialogue

In keeping with our commitments, as a key value of our corporate culture, we continue to maintain an open dialogue with all of our stakeholders.