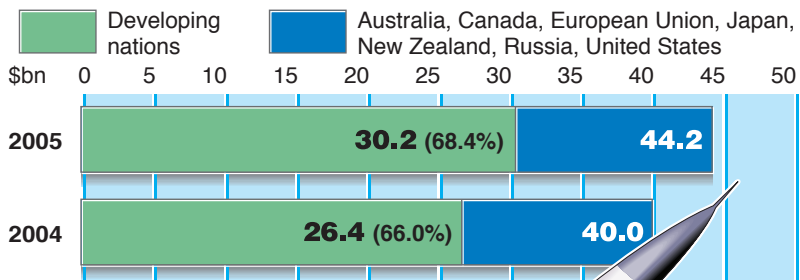


Global arms sales hit eight-year high

Arms transfer agreements worldwide in 2005 were valued at almost \$44.2 billion – the highest total during the past eight years. Almost half of U.S. weapon sales were to developing nations, justified as critical to the war on terrorism or other foreign policy goals



Supplier Agreements (2005)

United States	\$12.8bn
France	\$7.9bn
Russia	\$7.4bn
United Kingdom	\$2.8bn
China	\$2.1bn
Germany	\$1.5bn
Italy	\$1.4bn
Other EU	\$5.9bn
Others	2.4bn
Total	44.2bn

Key recipients

