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**Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty
UNIDIR - European Union Project**

**Regional Seminar for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean
18-19 June 2009**

Mexico City
Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

AGENDA

Wednesday, 17 June 2009

During the day: arrival of participants

19:00–20:00 Registration at Hotel Sheraton

DAY 1

Thursday, 18 June 2009

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:45 **Opening Session**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Keynote addresses:

Amb. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo
Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Fabio della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Presentations:

Developments and Processes within the United Nations
Pamela Maponga, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, New York

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
César Marin, International Action Network on Small Arms, Bolivarian
Republic of Venezuela

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 **SESSION I: General overview of arms transfers and the proposed
ATT**

Chair: Katerina Sequensová, Czech Presidency of the European Union

Overview of Arms Transfers – globally and in the region
Mark Bromley, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research
Institute

*Arms transfers and their impact on security in Americas and the
Caribbean*
Carolyne-Mélanie Régimbal, Deputy Director, United Nations Regional
Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and
the Caribbean

Parameters, scope and implications of an arms trade treaty
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at seminar venue

14:30–16:15 **SESSION II: Regional perspectives on an ATT**

Chair: Amb. Joel Hernandez, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Mexico

Organization of American States and a possible ATT
Abraham Stein, Director on multidimensional policies and programmes,
OAS Secretariat

*Central American Integration System – SALW programme and the
regional Code of Conduct*
Miryam Vasquez, UNDP/SICA – CASAC Programme

Discussion.

16:15–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–18:00 **SESSION III: Practical implications of an ATT**

Chair: Fabio della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position

Ulf Lindell, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Sweden

Industry perspective to an ATT

Andrew Wood, Director, Strategic Export Controls, Rolls Royce plc

18:15–19:30 Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

DAY 2

Friday, 19 June 2009

09:30–11:00 **SESSION IV: Human Security and a Possible ATT**

Chair: Amb. Pablo Macedo Riba, Director General for the United Nations Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Human Security and a possible ATT: Regional Perspective from the Americas and the Caribbean

Elsa Marisol Alonzo de Valenzuela, IEPADES, Guatemala

ATT and International Humanitarian Law

Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

Discussion.

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:30 **SESSION V: Simultaneous working group sessions: further exploration of an ATT – regional perspectives**

13:30–15:30 Lunch at conference venue

15:30–17:00 **SESSION VI: Roundtable – Next Steps: Gathering ideas, recommendations and suggestions**

Chair: Fabio della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Presentation of results from the working groups: priorities, challenges and the way forward.

Discussion.

17:00–17:30 **Closing Session**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Summary of the seminar discussions

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

Katerina Sequensová, Czech Presidency of the European Union

17:30–18:00 **Press Conference**