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Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Seminar for countries in Asia and the Pacific 13-14 October 2009 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

AGENDA

Monday, 12 October 2009

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Tuesday, 13 October 2009

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00–10:45 **Opening Session**
- Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening remarks:

Lin Mui Kiang on behalf of Kamal Malhotra, UN Resident Coordinator, Malaysia

Christer Ahlström, Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Andreas Strub, Deputy 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 – special focus on participation of countries from Asia and the Pacific

Roman Hunger, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific, Kathmandu

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region Fred Lubang, NonViolence International, Bangkok

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:00 SESSION I: General overview of arms trade and the proposed ATT

Chair: Andreas Strub, Deputy Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Presentations:

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

Parameters, scope and implications of an arms trade treaty Perrine Le Meur, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:00 SESSION II: Regional perspectives on an ATT

Chair: Keiko Yanai, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Presentation of ATT-related work by Pacific Islands Forum Lorraine Kershaw, International Legal Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position Outi Holopainen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Discussion.

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:30 SESSION II continued

Presentations:

Key messages from the previous regional seminars of the EU-UNIDIR Project Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Governmental perspective to an ATT – Australian views Ted Knez, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Australia

SALW in Cambodia Kimsorn Soon, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia

19:00-20:30 Reception

DAY 2

Wednesday, 14 October 2009

09:00–10:30 SESSION III: Human Security and a Possible ATT

Chair: Christer Ahlström, Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Presentations:

Impacts of illicit arms on human and states security with a special focus on South Asia Raza Shah Khan, Executive Director, Sustainable Peace & Development Organization

ATT and International Humanitarian Law Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions: further exploration of an ATT – regional perspectives

- 13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue
- 15:00–16:30 SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Gathering ideas, recommendations and suggestions
- Chair: Roman Hunger, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific, Kathmandu

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

Discussion.

16:30–17:00 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:

Andreas Strub, Deputy Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Lin Mui Kiang on behalf of Kamal Malhotra, UN Resident Coordinator, Malaysia

17:00–17:30 Press Conference