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Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Seminar for countries in Eastern and Southern Africa
10-11 December 2009
Hotel Hilton, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AGENDA

Wednesday, 09 December 2009

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Thursday, 10 December 2009

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**

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

Opening remarks:

Abebaw Felleke, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Mathias Kruger, Swedish Embassy, on behalf of the Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Presentations:

Developments and Processes within the United Nations – special focus on participation of countries from Eastern and Southern Africa
Nicolas Gerard, Deputy Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Judy Waruhiu, civil society

Key messages from the previous regional seminars of the EU-UNIDIR Project

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION I: General overview of arms trade and the proposed ATT**

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

Presentations:

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

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

Africa and an ATT – challenges and priorities
Joseph Dube, IANSA

Discussion.

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:00 **SESSION II: Regional perspectives on 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

Presentations:

African Union an arms control in sub-Saharan Africa
Peter Otim, Secretariat of the African Union

Governmental perspective to an ATT – South African views
Johann Paschalis, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, New York

Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position
Kateřina Sequensova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Republic

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:00 **SESSION II continued**

Discussion.

18:00–19:30 **Reception**

DAY 2

Friday, 11 December 2009

09:00–10:30 **SESSION III: Human Security, SALW and an ATT**

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Presentations:

ATT and International Humanitarian Law

Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

Special focus on small arms – Nairobi Protocol and RECSA

Angela Nyokabi Baiya, RECSA Secretariat

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: Nicolas Gerard, Deputy Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

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:

Abebaw Felleke, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

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

17:00–17:30 **Press Conference**