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Regional Seminar for countries in South and Central Asia
10-12 November 2010
Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I

***For diplomatic and military personnel responsible for national policies
vis-à-vis the ATT***

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**

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

Opening remarks:

Hon. Sujata Koirala, Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Foreign Minister
of Nepal

Alexander Spachis, Head of the EU Delegation in Nepal

Tajjiro Kimura, Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and
Disarmament in Asia and Pacific

Presentations:

ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Pamela Maponga, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Riju Raj Jamwal, Control Arms Foundation of India

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects**

Chair: Sudhir Bhattarai, Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Presentations:

Towards 2012: Scope, parameters and implementation as discussed at the Preparatory Committee

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Transparency in conventional arms transfers

Richard Tornberg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

ATT initiative and international humanitarian law

Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:00 **SESSION II: National and regional views on an ATT**

Chair: Faruque Hussain, Bangladesh Army

Presentations:

India's view on an Arms Trade Treaty

Ranbir Singh, Ministry of Defense of India

Thailand and the ATT initiative

Phasana Puthikampol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

SAARC and arms transfer controls – challenges and priorities

Renuka Rajapakse, Director, Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Discussion.

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:30 **SESSION III: Other perspectives to an ATT**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, EU Council Secretariat

Presentations:

A future ATT: some international legal issues

Annyssa Bellal, Senior Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Assistance and cooperation under an ATT

Kerry Maze, independent consultant

Discussion.

Wrap-up of Day 1

DAY 2

Thursday, 11 November 2010

09:00–10:15 **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part I (scope and parameters)**

10:15–10:30 Coffee break

10:30–11:30 **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part II (implementation)**

11:30–11:45 Wrap-up of group work and a break

11:45–12:30 **SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**

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

Presentation of results from the working groups

Discussion.

12:30–13:00 **Closing session of Part I of the regional seminar**

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

Remarks: European Union Representative

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

PART II

For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

During the day: arrival of participants

Thursday, 11 November 2010

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–15:30 Opening Session

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

Opening remarks:

European Union Representative

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

15:30–16:45 SESSION I: Overview of national and regional systems to regulate conventional arms trade

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

Presentations:

Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

EU Common Position in improving arms transfer controls in Europe
Ales Vytecka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Discussion.

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

17:00–18:00 SESSION II: Establishing effective national systems

Chair: Pamela Maponga, ODA

Presentations:

National experiences of Kyrgyzstan on arms exports and transfers
Biubiusara Toktonalieva, Ministry of Economy of Kyrgyzstan

Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls
Richard Tornberg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Discussion.

19:00–20:30 Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II)

DAY 3

Friday, 12 November 2010

09:00–10:30 **SESSION III: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical implications**

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Presentations:

Import control practices in Malaysia
Mohd Ishrin Mohd Ishak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

National procedures of transfer controls in Afghanistan
Brigadier General Aziz Ahmad Farahi, Ministry of Defence of Afghanistan

Discussion.

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION IV: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, EU Council Secretariat

Presentations:

Marking, record-keeping and accounting of weapons and ITI
Ales Vytecka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Role and functioning of the UN Register of Conventional Arms
Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

Discussion.

13:00-14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45 **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls**

15:45–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–16:45 **SESSION V: Continued**

16:45–17:15 **SESSION VI: Bringing together the results**

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

Presentation of results from the working groups: practical lessons learned and recommended next steps

17:15–17:30 **Closing Session**

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

Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

Alexander Spachis, Head of the EU Delegation in Nepal

Sudhir Bhattarai, Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Taijiro Kimura, Director, UNRCPD