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Regional Seminar for countries in Central, Northern and Western Africa
2-4 February 2011
Casablanca, Morocco

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I

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

Tuesday, 1 February 2011

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

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:

Omar Hilale, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Morocco to
the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

Camelia Suica, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Morocco

Presentations:

ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Ivor Fung, Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in
Africa

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Salah Abdellaoui, Control Arms Campaign, Amnesty Morocco

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

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

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy Director, UNIDIR

Presentations:

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

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Considerations on the proposed Treaty's scope – Morocco's views

Abderrazzak Laassel, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

ATT initiative and international humanitarian law

Nathalie Weizmann, ICRC

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

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

Chair: Bafetigue Ouattara, Permanent Mission of Cote d'Ivoire to New York

Presentations:

Africa and the ATT

Peter Otim, African Union Commission

ECOWAS and arms transfer controls – ECOWAS Common Position on ATT

Oluwafisan Bankale, ECOWAS Commission

The importance of an Arms Trade Treaty for Maghreb regional security

Saida Mendili, Director, Economic Affairs, MAU

Central African efforts in arms transfer controls

Jacques Mvom, ECCAS

Discussion.

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

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

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

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

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

DAY 2

Thursday, 3 February 2011

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, UNIDIR

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: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service
Abderrazzak Laassel, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

PART II
For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

During the day: arrival of participants

Thursday, 3 February 2011

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:

Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

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

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentations:

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

EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementation aspects from an EU Member State's perspective
Richard Hickman, Export Control Organization, the United Kingdom

National experiences of the Democratic Republic of Congo on arms transfers
José Ikongo, Ministry of the Interior and Security, DRC

National experiences from Ghana in controlling arms transfers
Edward Fiawoo, Ministry of Defence, Ghana

Discussion.

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

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

Chair: Nathalie Weizmann, ICRC

Presentations:

Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls
Helmut Krehlik, Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria

Controlling and monitoring arms transfer – National mechanisms and border controls
Cedric Poitevin, GRIP

Discussion.

DAY 3

Friday, 4 February 2011

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

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Presentations:

Export and Import control practices in Mauritania
Sidi Mohamed El Ghassem, Ministry of Interior, Mauritania (TBC)

Transfer controls and challenges in the Central African Republic
Frédéric Inamo, Ministry of Finance, the Central African Republic

Example from the EU: France
Baskar Rosaz, Ministry of Defence, France

ECOWAS and practical implementation of the convention
Oluwafisan Bankale, ECOWAS Commission

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, European Union, External Action Service

Presentations:

Marking, record-keeping and accounting of weapons

Cedric Poitevin, GRIP

Role and functioning of the UN Register of Conventional Arms

Ivor Fung, Director, UNREC (TBC)

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:

Camelia Suica, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Morocco

Azeddine Farhane, Director, United Nations and International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco