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**Regional Seminar for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean  
27-29 April 2011  
Montevideo, Uruguay**

### **AGENDA**

#### **PART I**

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

#### **Tuesday, 26 April 2011**

During the day: arrival of participants of Part I

#### **DAY 1**

#### **Wednesday, 27 April 2011**

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–09:30 **Opening Session, part I**

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

Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Luis Almagro  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

H.E. Mr. Geoffrey Barrett  
Head of the EU Delegation in Uruguay and Paraguay

Susan McDade  
UN Resident Coordinator in Uruguay

09:30–09:45 Coffee break

09:45–10:45 **Opening Session, continued**

Presentations:

*ATT- recent developments at the United Nations and in the region*  
Amanda Cowl, UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and  
Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

*Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the Americas and the  
Caribbean*

Folade Mutota, Caribbean Coalition for Development and the  
Reduction of Armed Violence

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

Chair: H.E. Mr. Roberto Garcia Moritan  
Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina

Presentations:

*Towards 2012: remaining questions regarding the Treaty's possible  
scope*

Anne-Charlotte Merrell-Wetterwik, CITS, Georgia University

*Considerations on the proposed Treaty's transfer criteria – human  
security considerations*

Luis Alberto Cordero, Executive Director, Arias Foundation for Peace  
and Human Progress

*Including developmental concerns to the Treaty's transfer criteria*

Oistein Thorsen, Oxfam

*Implementing the future ATT: some key considerations*

Roberto Dondisch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45 **SESSION II: From negotiating to implementing an ATT: regional  
views**

Chair: Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the UN, New York

*OAS and the ATT initiative*

Abraham Stein, Organization of American States

*ATT's relevance to the CARICOM region*

H.E. Mr. Noel Sinclair, Permanent Observer of CARICOM to the United  
Nations, New York

*The ATT process: EU's perspective*

Fabio Della Piazza, EU External Action Service

Discussion.

15:45–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:30 **SESSION II: Continued – national views on implementing an ATT**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Donatus St. Aimee, Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the UN, New York

Presentations:

National contributions from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba and St. Kitts and Nevis

Discussion

19:00–20:30 **Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II), Palacio Santos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay**

## **DAY 2**

**Thursday, 28 April 2011**

09:00–09:30 **Summary of discussions from Day 1**

09:30–11:00 **SESSION III: Parallel working group sessions on aspects related to the Treaty's implementation, cooperation and assistance**

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–12:15 **SESSION IV: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentation of results from the working groups

Discussion.

12:15–13:00 **Closing Session of Part I**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

*Brief summary of the outcomes and recommendations from the first part*

Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Closing remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Raul Pollak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

## **PART II**

### ***For technical and law-enforcement personnel***

#### **Wednesday, 27 April 2011**

During the day: arrival of participants

#### **Thursday, 28 April 2011**

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

#### **15:00–15:45 Opening Session**

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

Opening remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Fabian Brufau, Ministry of Defense, Uruguay

*Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments in the region and briefing from Part I*

Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Selected national representatives from Part I

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

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentations:

*Arms transfer systems in the Americas and the Caribbean: Arms Brokering Controls and a Future ATT*  
Mark Bromley, SIPRI

*Argentinean experience in implementing arms transfer controls*  
Lucia Gómez Cónsoli, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina

*EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementation aspects from an EU Member State's perspective*  
Mariann Mezey, Hungarian Trade and Licensing Office

Discussion.

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

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

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

Presentations:

*Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls*  
Fernando Villena Sánchez, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

*Industry's experiences in arms transfer controls – working under effective national regulations*  
Francis Bleeker, Colt Canada

Discussion.

**DAY 3**

**Friday, 29 April 2011**

09:00–10:30 **SESSION III: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers**

Chair: Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the UN, New York

Presentations:

*Role and functioning of UN transparency mechanisms*  
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

*Annual export reports of the European Union*  
Mariann Mezey, Hungarian Trade and Licensing Office

*Canadian experiences in export and import controls of conventional arms, including the use of electronic systems*  
Paul Galveias, Canadian Export and Import Controls Bureau

Discussion.

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION IV: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical implications**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Presentations:

*Colombia's practices on marking and tracing of weapons*  
Col Carlos Velasquez Pelaez, Military Industry, INDUMIL, Colombia

*Practical case study from the EU*  
Abel Duarte de Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal

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, UNIDIR

*Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations*  
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Closing remarks:

H.E. Mr. Geoffrey Barrett  
Head of the EU Delegation in Uruguay and Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Nelson Chabén  
Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay