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**Regional Seminar for countries in the Middle East
27-29 March 2012**

Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Clemenceau Street, Beirut, Lebanon

AGENDA

PART I

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

DAY 1

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Theresa Hitchens, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Opening remarks:

H.E Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon

H.E. Ms. Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon

Presentations:

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

Towards the ATT Negotiating Conference: Remaining core issues
H.E. Mr. Roberto Garcia Moritan, Chair of the ATT Preparatory Committee meetings

10:30–11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00–13:00 **SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects – views and priorities**

Chair: H.E Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon

Presentations:

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Fadi Abi Allam, Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon

Arms transfer controls in the region and the future ATT
Neil Cooper, University of Bradford

ATT and its future implementation – considerations and priorities
Mark Bromley, SIPRI

Discussion.

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:00 **SESSION II: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: regional views**

Chair: Saja Al Majali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan

Presentations:

ATT and the Middle East: Views from the League of Arab States
Fadi Achaia, Head of Conventional Arms Section, Department of Multilateral Relations, League of Arab States

The ATT process: EU's perspective
Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Discussion.

15:45–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:30 **SESSION III: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: roundtable on national views**

Chair: Theresa Hitchens, Director, UNIDIR

Presentations: National contributions from selected countries in the region

DAY 2

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

- 09:00–09:15 **Summary of discussions from Day 1**
- 09:15–10:30 **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part I (scope and parameters)**
- 10:30–10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45–12:00 **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part II (implementation)**
- 12:00–12:15 Wrap-up of group work and a break
- 12:15–12:45 **SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**
- Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR
- 12:45–13:00 **Closing session of Part I of the regional seminar**
- Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR
- Remarks: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union External Action Service
- 13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

PART II

For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

- 13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue
- 15:00–15:30 **Opening Session**
- Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR
- Opening remarks:
- Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service
- Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments in the region, with briefing from Part I of the seminar*
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

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

Chair: Turki Alduhoori, Police Officer, United Arab Emirates

Presentations:

Challenges in controlling conventional arms trade: Iraq
Maj Gen Abdul Kareem Al-Sudani, Chairman of the National Arms Control Committee, Ministry of Interior of Iraq

EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementing transfer controls - European perspective
Cyril Bumbalek, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

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

Chair: Mark Bromley, SIPRI

Presentations:

Establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls with special focus on import controls
Abel Duarte Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal

18:30–20:00 **Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II) hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon**

DAY 3

Thursday, 29 March 2012

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

Chair: Abel Duarte Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal

Presentations:

Role and functioning of UN transparency mechanisms
Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

National and European Union approaches to transparency
Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf, German Federal Foreign Office

Discussion.

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION IV: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical case studies: presentation and start of group work**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Presentation of three practical case Studies by the EU Experts

Discussion and division into working groups

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:00 **SESSION IV: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls (continued)**

16:00–17:00 **SESSION VI: Discussing the results of the working group sessions**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Presentations by rapporteurs

17:00–17:30 **Closing Session**

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR

Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations

Closing remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

H.E Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and Emigrants, Lebanon