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Regional Seminar for countries in the Wider Europe
18-20 April 2012

Palate of Serbia, Belgrade Room
Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, 11070 Novi Beograd

AGENDA

PART I

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

DAY 1

Wednesday, 18 April 2012

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Kerstin Vignard, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
(UNIDIR)

Opening remarks:

Zoran Vujic, Assistant Minister, Sector for Security Issues, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

Adriano Martins, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union
to the Republic of Serbia

Presentations:

ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Pamela Maponga, Conventional Arms Branch, 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. Ms. Branka Latinovic, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

Presentations:

Civil Society's Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Svetlana Bogdanovic, Control Arms Campaign

European Defense and Aerospace Industry aspects on an ATT - compliance in global trade
Henrik Petersson, ASD Industries

ATT initiative – controlling technology transfers of conventional arms
Vadim Kozyulin, PIR Centre, Russian Federation

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

14:30–15:45 **SESSION II: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: regional views**

Chair: Erwin Bollinger, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland

Presentations:

ATT and the OSCE region: regional contributions to international processes
Mathew Geertsens, Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE Secretariat

Conventional Arms Transfers in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe
Ivan Zveržhanovski, Team Leader, UNDP/SEESAC

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: Kerstin Vignard, UNIDIR

Presentations: National contributions from selected countries in the region

DAY 2

Thursday, 19 April 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 hosted by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia

PART II

For technical and law-enforcement personnel

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13:00–15:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia

15:00–15:30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Kerstin Vignard, UNIDIR

Opening remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Dejan Raketic, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia

Introduction to the ATT initiative and 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: Vasily Pavlov, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus

Presentations:

Arms transfer controls – experience in the Russian Federation
Alexey Chumichev, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Arms transfer controls in Ukraine
Sergii Kucherenko, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementing transfer controls - European perspective
Mariann Mezey, Hungarian Trade Licensing Office

Discussion.

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

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

Chair: Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

Presentations:

Establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls with special focus on re-export controls
Amb Paul Beijer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Challenges of arms transfer controls – experience of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Dragisa Mekic, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina

New means for effective arms transfer controls: developments in Israel
Yoram Ziflinger, Defense Export Controls Agency (DECA), Ministry of Defence of Israel

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

DAY 3

Friday, 20 April 2012

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

Chair: Amb Paul Beijer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Presentations:

Role and functioning of UN transparency mechanisms in Wider Europe
Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

National and European Union approaches to transparency
Albrecht von Wittke, German Federal Foreign Office

Necessary national implementation structures for an ATT
Roy Isbister, Saferworld UK

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 hosted by the Ministry of Economy and Regional Development of the Republic of Serbia

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: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Presentations by rapporteurs

Discussion

17:00–17:30 **Closing Session**

Chair: Kerstin Vignard, UNIDIR

Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Closing remarks:

Adriano Martins, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union
to the Republic of Serbia

H.E. Ms. Branka Latinovic, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Serbia

17:30–18:00 **Press conference**