Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Seminar for Central, Northern and Western Africa
28-29 April 2009

Hotel Savana Dakar, Pointe Bernard-Petite Corniche, 6096 Dakar, Senegal

AGENDA

Monday, 27 April 2009

During the day: arrival of participants

18:30–19:00  Registration

DAY 1

Tuesday, 28 April 2009

08:30–09:00  Registration

09:00–10:00  Opening Session

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

Keynote addresses:

H.E. Mr. Bécaye Diop, Minister of State and Minister of Defense, Senegal

Mr. Andreas Strub, Deputy Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
Presentations:

*Developments and Processes within the United Nations*
Mr. Said Djinnit, UN Special Representative and Head of the UN Office for West Africa

*Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region*
Mr. Baffour Amoa, President, West African Action Network on Small Arms (WAANSA)

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 **SESSION I: General overview of arms transfers and the proposed ATT**

Chair: Senegal

*Overview of Arms Transfers – globally and in the region*
Mr. Pieter Wezeman, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

*Illicit SALW/CA transfers and their impact on security in Africa*
Ms. Jacqueline Seck, Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

*Parameters, scope and implications of an arms trade treaty*
Ms. Perrine Le Meur, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:15 **SESSION II: Regional perspectives on an ATT**

Chair: Ms. Katerina Sequensova, Czech Presidency of the European Union

*ECOWAS Convention*
Mr. Cyriaque Agnekethom, ECOWAS Secretariat

*ECCAS activities to prevent illicit arms trafficking in Central Africa*
Mr. Jacques Mvom, Economic Community of Central African States

*Practical example of operationalizing transfer criteria*
Mr. Baskar Rosaz, Desk Officer, Export Control Rules, French Ministry of Defence

Discussion.

16:15–16:30 Coffee break
16:30–18:00  **SESSION III: Human Security and a Possible ATT**

**Chair:**  Ms. Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

*Human Security and a possible ATT: African Regional Perspective*
Col Babacar Diouf, Armed Forces of Senegal

*ATT and International Humanitarian Law*
Ms. Johanne Levasseur, International Committee of the Red Cross

19:00–20:30  **Reception hosted by the Government of Senegal**
DAY 2

Wednesday, 29 April 2009

09:00–11:00 SESSION IV: Kick-off presentations followed by three working groups: further exploration of transfer criteria for an ATT – regional perspectives

Chair: Mr. Fabio della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Working group discussion.

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:00 Session IV continued: Wrap-up of group work in the three working groups, and presentation of their results in the plenary

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:30 SESSION V: Roundtable – Next Steps: Gathering ideas, recommendations and suggestions

Chair: UNDP Senegal

Panelists: Selection of four speakers from Sessions I-III and active participants. Short (5 min) inputs followed by panel discussion and open floor.

16:30–17:00 Closing Session

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIDIR: Summary presentation of the seminar’s discussions

Closing remarks:
Senegal

Ms. Katerina Sequensová, Czech Presidency of the European Union

17:00–17:30 Press Conference