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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**