Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty
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Regional Seminar for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean
18-19 June 2009

Mexico City
Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

AGENDA

Wednesday, 17 June 2009
During the day: arrival of participants
19:00–20:00  Registration at Hotel Sheraton

DAY 1

Thursday, 18 June 2009
08:30–09:00  Registration
09:00–10:45  Opening Session

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

Keynote addresses:

Amb. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo
Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

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
Presentations:

- *Developments and Processes within the United Nations*
  Pamela Maponga, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, New York

- *Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region*
  César Marin, International Action Network on Small Arms, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

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

Chair: Katerina Sequensová, Czech Presidency of the European Union

- **Overview of Arms Transfers – globally and in the region**
  Mark Bromley, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

- **Arms transfers and their impact on security in Americas and the Caribbean**
  Carolyne-Mélanie Régimbal, Deputy Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Parameters, scope and implications of an arms trade treaty**
  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at seminar venue

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

Chair: Amb. Joel Hernandez, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

- **Organization of American States and a possible ATT**
  Abraham Stein, Director on multidimensional policies and programmes, OAS Secretariat

- **Central American Integration System – SALW programme and the regional Code of Conduct**
  Miryam Vasquez, UNDP/SICA – CASAC Programme

Discussion.

16:15–16:30 Coffee break
16:30–18:00  **SESSION III: Practical implications of an ATT**

Chair: 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

*Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position*
Ulf Lindell, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Sweden

*Industry perspective to an ATT*
Andrew Wood, Director, Strategic Export Controls, Rolls Royce plc

18:15–19:30  **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico**
DAY 2

Friday, 19 June 2009

09:30–11:00 SESSION IV: Human Security and a Possible ATT

Chair: Amb. Pablo Macedo Riba, Director General for the United Nations Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

*Human Security and a possible ATT: Regional Perspective from the Americas and the Caribbean*
Elsa Marisol Alonzo de Valenzuela, IEPADES, Guatemala

*ATT and International Humanitarian Law*
Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

Discussion.

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:30 SESSION V: Simultaneous working group sessions: further exploration of an ATT – regional perspectives

13:30–15:30 Lunch at conference venue

15:30–17:00 SESSION VI: Roundtable – Next Steps: Gathering ideas, recommendations and suggestions

Chair: 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

Presentation of results from the working groups: priorities, challenges and the way forward.

Discussion.

17:00–17:30 Closing Session

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

*Summary of the seminar discussions*
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

Katerina Sequensová, Czech Presidency of the European Union
17:30–18:00  Press Conference