Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Seminar for countries in the Middle East
28-29 July 2009
Amman, Jordan

AGENDA

Monday, 27 July 2009

During the day: arrival of participants

18:30–19:00 Registration

DAY 1

Tuesday, 28 July 2009

08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–10:45 Opening Session

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

Opening remarks:

HRH Prince Mired bin Raa’d Al- Hussein, Jordan

Ambassador Bertil Roth, Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Presentations:

*Developments and Processes within the United Nations*

Pamela Maponga, Conventional Arms Branch, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, New York
Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Fadi Abi-Allam, Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:00 SESSION I: General overview of arms trade and the proposed ATT
Chair: Saja Majali, Counselor, Jordan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Presentations:
  Overview of Arms Transfers – globally and in the region
  Sam Perlo-Freeman, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

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

Discussion.

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:15 SESSION II: Some components of the proposed ATT and its links with other instruments
Chair: Ambassador Roberto Garcia Moritan, Chair of the UN Open-Ended Working Group towards an ATT

Presentations:
  Key messages from the previous regional seminars of the EU-UNIDIR Project
  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

  Transparency in Arms Transfers – case of the UN Conventional Arms Register
  Yurij Kryvyinos, Secretary of the Group of Governmental Experts on the Register

Discussion.

16:15–16:30 Coffee break
16:30–17:30 **SESSION III: Regional perspectives related to the proposed ATT**

Chair: Ambassador Bertil Roth, Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Presentations:

- *Regional perspectives on an arms trade treaty*
  Fadi Achaia, League of Arab States Secretariat

- *Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position*
  Carolin Thielking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Discussion.

19:00–20:30 Reception
DAY 2

Wednesday, 29 July 2009

09:00–10:15 SESSION IV: Other ideas discussed as part of the proposed 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

Presentations:

ATT and its possible transfer criteria- some views from the civil society
Sherif Azer, Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

ATT and International Humanitarian Law
Camilla Waszink, International Committee of the Red Cross

10:15–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions: further exploration of an ATT – regional perspectives

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

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

Chair: Fadi Achaia, League of Arab States Secretariat

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

Discussion.

16:30–17:00 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:

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

Saja Majali, Counselor, Jordan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17:00–17:30 Press Conference