Supporting the Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations through Regional Discussions and Expertise Sharing

Regional Seminar for countries in Central, Northern and Western Africa
2-4 February 2011
Casablanca, Morocco

DRAFT AGENDA

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

Tuesday, 1 February 2011

During the day: arrival of participants

DAY 1

Wednesday, 2 February 2011

08:30–09:00  Registration

09:00–10:30  Opening Session

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

Opening remarks:

Omar Hilale, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

Camelia Suica, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Morocco

Presentations:

ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Ivor Fung, Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region
Salah Abdellaoui, Control Arms Campaign, Amnesty Morocco
10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects**

**Chair:** Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy Director, UNIDIR

**Presentations:**

*Towards 2012: Scope, parameters and implementation as discussed at the Preparatory Committee*

Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

*Considerations on the proposed Treaty’s scope – Morocco’s views*

Abderrazzak Laassel, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

*ATT initiative and international humanitarian law*

Nathalie Weizmann, ICRC

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:00 **SESSION II: National and regional views on an ATT**

**Chair:** Bafetigue Ouattara, Permanent Mission of Cote d’Ivoire to New York

**Presentations:**

*Africa and the ATT*

Peter Otim, African Union Commission

*ECOWAS and arms transfer controls – ECOWAS Common Position on ATT*

Oluwafisan Bankale, ECOWAS Commission

*The importance of an Arms Trade Treaty for Maghreb regional security*

Saida Mendili, Director, Economic Affairs, MAU

*Central African efforts in arms transfer controls*

Jacques Mvom, ECCAS

Discussion.

16:00–16:15 Coffee break
16:15–17:30  **SESSION III: Other perspectives to an ATT**
Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Presentations:

*A future ATT: some international legal issues*
Annyssa Bellal, Senior Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

*Assistance and cooperation under an ATT*
Kerry Maze, Independent Consultant

Discussion.

Wrap-up of Day 1

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

**DAY 2**

**Thursday, 3 February 2011**

09:00–10:15  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part I (scope and parameters)**

10:15–10:30  Coffee break

10:30–11:30  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part II (implementation)**

11:30–11:45  Wrap-up of group work and a break

11:45–12:30  **SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**
Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentation of results from the working groups

Discussion.

12:30–13:00  **Closing session of Part I of the regional seminar**
Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
remarks: fabio della piazza, european union, external action service

abderrazzak laassel, minister counsellor, permanent mission of morocco to the conference on disarmament, geneva

13:00-15:00 lunch at conference venue

part ii
for technical and law-enforcement personnel

wednesday, 2 february 2011

during the day: arrival of participants

thursday, 3 february 2011

13:00-15:00 lunch at conference venue

15:00–15:30 opening session

chair: christiane agboton-johnson, united nations institute for disarmament research

opening remarks:

fabio della piazza, european union, external action service

15:30–16:45 session i: overview of national and regional systems to regulate conventional arms trade

chair: christiane agboton-johnson, unidir

presentations:

introduction to the att initiative and its recent developments
elli kytömäki, united nations institute for disarmament research

eu common position on conventional arms exports: implementation aspects from an eu member state’s perspective
richard hickman, export control organization, the united kingdom

national experiences of the democratic republic of congo on arms transfers
jose ikongo, ministry of the interior and security, drc

national experiences from ghana in controlling arms transfers
edward fiawoo, ministry of defence, ghana

discussion.
16:45–17:00  Coffee break

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

Chair:  Nathalie Weizmann, ICRC

Presentations:

- *Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls*
  Helmut Krehlik, Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria

- *Controlling and monitoring arms transfer – National mechanisms and border controls*
  Cedric Poitevin, GRIP

Discussion.

**DAY 3**

**Friday, 4 February 2011**

09:00–10:30  **SESSION III: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical implications**

Chair:  Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Presentations:

- *Export and Import control practices in Mauritania*
  Sidi Mohamed El Ghassem, Ministry of Interior, Mauritania (TBC)

- *Transfer controls and challenges in the Central African Republic*
  Frédérik Inamo, Ministry of Finance, the Central African Republic

- *Example from the EU: France*
  Baskar Rosaz, Ministry of Defence, France

- *ECOWAS and practical implementation of the convention*
  Oluwafisan Bankale, ECOWAS Commission

Discussion.

10:30–10:45  Coffee break

10:45–13:00  **SESSION IV: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers**
Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Presentations:

- **Marking, record-keeping and accounting of weapons**
  Cedric Poitevin, GRIP

- **Role and functioning of the UN Register of Conventional Arms**
  Ivor Fung, Director, UNREC (TBC)

Discussion.

13:00-14:30  Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls**

15:45–16:00  Coffee break

16:00–16:45  **SESSION V: Continued**

16:45–17:15  **SESSION VI: Bringing together the results**

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

- Presentation of results from the working groups: practical lessons learned and recommended next steps

17:15–17:30  **Closing Session**

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

- **Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations**
  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

- Camelia Suica, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Morocco

- Azeddine Farhane, Director, United Nations and International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco