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

Regional Seminar for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean
27-29 April 2011
Montevideo, Uruguay

AGENDA

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

Tuesday, 26 April 2011
During the day: arrival of participants of Part I

DAY 1

Wednesday, 27 April 2011

08:30–09:00  Registration
09:00–09:30  Opening Session, part I
Chair:  Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Luis Almagro
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

H.E. Mr. Geoffrey Barrett
Head of the EU Delegation in Uruguay and Paraguay

Susan McDade
UN Resident Coordinator in Uruguay

09:30–09:45  Coffee break
09:45–10:45  Opening Session, continued
Presentations:

*ATT* recent developments at the United Nations and in the region
Amanda Cowl, UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the Americas and the Caribbean
Folade Mutota, Caribbean Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence

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

Chair: H.E. Mr. Roberto Garcia Moritan
Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina

Presentations:

Towards 2012: remaining questions regarding the Treaty’s possible scope
Anne-Charlotte Merrell-Wetterwik, CITS, Georgia University

Considerations on the proposed Treaty’s transfer criteria – human security considerations
Luis Alberto Cordero, Executive Director, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress

Including developmental concerns to the Treaty’s transfer criteria
Oistein Thorsen, Oxfam

Implementing the future ATT: some key considerations
Roberto Dondisch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45 **SESSION II: From negotiating to implementing an ATT: regional views**

Chair: Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the UN, New York

OAS and the ATT initiative
Abraham Stein, Organization of American States

ATT’s relevance to the CARICOM region
H.E. Mr. Noel Sinclair, Permanent Observer of CARICOM to the United Nations, New York

The ATT process: EU’s perspective
Fabio Della Piazza, EU External Action Service

Discussion.

15:45–16:00 Coffee break
16:00–17:30  **SESSION II: Continued – national views on implementing an ATT**

Chair:  H.E. Mr. Donatus St. Aimee, Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the UN, New York

Presentations:
National contributions from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba and St. Kitts and Nevis

Discussion

19:00–20:30  Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II), Palacio Santos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

**DAY 2**

**Thursday, 28 April 2011**

09:00–09:30  **Summary of discussions from Day 1**

09:30–11:00  **SESSION III: Parallel working group sessions on aspects related to the Treaty’s implementation, cooperation and assistance**

11:00–11:30  Coffee break

11:30–12:15  **SESSION IV: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations**

Chair:  Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentation of results from the working groups

Discussion.

12:15–13:00  **Closing Session of Part I**

Chair:  Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

*Brief summary of the outcomes and recommendations from the first part*

Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Closing remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Raul Pollak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue
PART II

For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Wednesday, 27 April 2011

During the day: arrival of participants

Thursday, 28 April 2011

13:00-15:00  Lunch at conference venue

15:00–15:45  Opening Session

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

Opening remarks:

   Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service
   Fabian Brufau, Ministry of Defense, Uruguay

   Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments in the region and briefing from Part I
   Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR
   Selected national representatives from Part I

15:45–16:45  SESSION I: Overview of national and regional systems to regulate conventional arms trade

Chair:  Christiane Agboton-Johnson, UNIDIR

Presentations:

   Arms transfer systems in the Americas and the Caribbean: Arms Brokering Controls and a Future ATT
   Mark Bromley, SIPRI

   Argentinean experience in implementing arms transfer controls
   Lucia Gómez Cónsoli, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina

   EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementation aspects from an EU Member State’s perspective
   Mariann Mezey, Hungarian Trade and Licensing Office

   Discussion.

16:45–17:00  Coffee break
17:00–18:00  **SESSION II: Establishing effective national and regional systems**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union, External Action Service

Presentations:

*Legal aspects of establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls*
Fernando Villena Sánchez, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

*Industry’s experiences in arms transfer controls – working under effective national regulations*
Francis Bleeker, Colt Canada

Discussion.

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**DAY 3**

**Friday, 29 April 2011**

09:00–10:30  **SESSION III: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers**

Chair: Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the UN, New York

Presentations:

*Role and functioning of UN transparency mechanisms*
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

*Annual export reports of the European Union*
Mariann Mezey, Hungarian Trade and Licensing Office

*Canadian experiences in export and import controls of conventional arms, including the use of electronic systems*
Paul Galveias, Canadian Export and Import Controls Bureau

Discussion.

10:30–10:45  Coffee break

10:45–13:00  **SESSION IV: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical implications**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Presentations:

*Colombia’s practices on marking and tracing of weapons*
Col Carlos Velasquez Pelayez, Military Industry, INDUMIL, Colombia

*Practical case study from the EU*
Abel Duarte de Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal
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, UNIDIR

*Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations*

Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Closing remarks:

H.E. Mr. Geoffrey Barrett
Head of the EU Delegation in Uruguay and Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Nelson Chabén
Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay