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

Regional Seminar for countries in Eastern and Southern Africa
29 February – 2 March 2012

Windsor Golf Hotel & Country Club
Ridgeways Road, off Kiambu Road, P.O. Box 45587, 00100, Nairobi

AGENDA

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

DAY 1

Wednesday, 29 February 2012

08:30–09:00  Registration

09:00–10:30  Opening Session

Chair:  Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Opening remarks:
Marjaana Sall, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Kenya
Aeneas C. Chuma, UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya
Hon Assistant Minister Orwa Ojode, on behalf of Hon. Prof. George Saitoti, EGH, MP, Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Kenya

Presentations:
ATT- general overview and developments within the United Nations
Colby Goodman, Deputy Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa
Necessary national implementation structures for an ATT
Guy Lamb, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects – views and priorities
Chair: David Kimayo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya

Presentations:
- *Towards the ATT Negotiating Conference: Remaining core issues*
  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

- *Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region*
  Richard Mugisha, Control Arms Campaign; Executive Director of People with Disabilities, Uganda; Coordinator of EAANSA

- *ATT initiative and human security considerations – controlling transfers of arms to non-state actors*
  Paul Holtom, SIPRI

Discussion.

13:00–14:30 Lunch at conference venue

14:30–15:45 SESSION II: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: regional views
Chair: Michiel Combrink, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the UN, Geneva

Presentations:
- *ATT and Africa: African Union approach to the draft Treaty*
  Einas Mohamed, African Union Commission

- *Special focus on small arms and ammunition – Nairobi Protocol*
  Barbara Munube, RECSA Secretariat

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

Discussion.

15:45–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:30 SESSION III: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: roundtable on national views
Chair: Ramla Khamis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania

Presentations: National contributions from selected countries in the regions

DAY 2

Thursday, 01 March 2012

09:00–09:15 Summary of discussions from Day 1

09:15-10:30 SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part I (scope and parameters)

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–12:00 SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions, part II (implementation)

12:00–12:15 Wrap-up of group work and a break

12:15–12:45 SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Compiling working group recommendations

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR

12:45–13:00 Closing session of Part I of the regional seminar

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR

Remarks: Fabio Della Piazza, European Union External Action Service

Ambassador S.K. Maina, Director, Multilateral Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya

13:00-15:00 Lunch at conference venue

PART II

For technical and law-enforcement personnel

Thursday, 01 March 2012

15:00–15:30 Opening Session

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR
Opening remarks:

Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

*Introduction to the ATT initiative and its recent developments in the region, with briefing from Part I of the seminar*
Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

15:30–16:45 **SESSION I: Overview of national and regional systems to regulate conventional arms trade**

Chair: Colby Goodman, UNREC

Presentations:

*South African experience in implementing arms transfer controls*
Dumisani Dladla, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of South Africa

*EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementing transfer controls in Sub-Saharan Africa - European perspective*
Ales Vytecka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

16:45–17:00 Coffee break

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

Chair: Paul Holtom, SIPRI

Presentations:

*Establishing and enforcing comprehensive controls with special focus on import controls*
Abel Duarte Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal

*Arms control challenges of a new state: South Sudan*
Dr. Riak Gok Majok, South Sudan Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control

19:00–20:30 Reception for all participants in the Library Room (Part I and Part II)
DAY 3

Friday, 02 March 2012

09:00–10:30  SESSION III: Improving accountability and transparency of conventional arms transfers
Chair: Abel Duarte Oliveira, Ministry of Defence, Portugal
Presentations:
- Role and functioning of UN transparency mechanisms
  Colby Goodman, UNREC
- National and European Union approaches to transparency
  Paul Beijer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- Improving accountability and transparency in national systems: marking, tracing and record-keeping of weapons in Swaziland
  Lt Col John Msibi, Director, UN and Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Swaziland
Discussion.

10:30–10:45  Coffee break

10:45–13:00  SESSION IV: Conventional arms trade and an ATT – practical case studies: presentation and start of group work
Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service
Presentation of three practical case Studies by the EU Experts
Discussion and division into working groups

13:00-14:30  Lunch at conference venue

14:30–16:30  SESSION IV: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls (continued)

16:30–17:00  SESSION VI: Discussing the results of the working group sessions
Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR
Presentations by rapporteurs
Discussion
17:00–17:30  Closing Session

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, UNIDIR

Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations

Closing remarks:
Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Representative of Hon Mr. Githu Muigai, Attorney General, Kenya