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

Regional Seminar for countries in the Middle East
27-29 March 2012

Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Clemenceau Street, Beirut, Lebanon

AGENDA

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

DAY 1
Tuesday, 27 March 2012

08:30–09:00 Registration
09:00–10:30 Opening Session
Chair: Theresa Hitchens, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
Opening remarks:
H.E. Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon
H.E. Ms. Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon
Presentations:
ATT - general overview and developments within the United Nations Pamela Maponga, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, New York
Towards the ATT Negotiating Conference: Remaining core issues H.E. Mr. Roberto Garcia Moritan, Chair of the ATT Preparatory Committee meetings

10:30–11:00 Coffee break
11:00–13:00  **SESSION I: ATT and its different aspects – views and priorities**

Chair:  H.E Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon

Presentations:
- *Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region*
  Fadi Abi Allam, Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon

- *Arms transfer controls in the region and the future ATT*
  Neil Cooper, University of Bradford

- *ATT and its future implementation – considerations and priorities*
  Mark Bromley, SIPRI

Discussion.

13:00–15:00  Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:00  **SESSION II: Negotiating and implementing an ATT: regional views**

Chair:  Saja Al Majali, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan

Presentations:
- *ATT and the Middle East: Views from the League of Arab States*
  Fadi Achaia, Head of Conventional Arms Section, Department of Multilateral Relations, League of Arab States

- *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:  Theresa Hitchens, Director, UNIDIR

Presentations: National contributions from selected countries in the region
DAY 2

 Wednesday, 28 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
13:00-15:00  Lunch at conference venue

PART II
For technical and law-enforcement personnel

 Wednesday, 28 March 2012

13:00-15:00  Lunch at conference venue
15:00–15:30  Opening Session
Chair: Elli Kytömäki, 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:  Turki Alduhoori, Police Officer, United Arab Emirates

Presentations:

*Challenges in controlling conventional arms trade: Iraq*
Maj Gen Abdul Kareem Al-Sudani, Chairman of the National Arms Control Committee, Ministry of Interior or Iraq

*EU Common Position on conventional arms exports: implementing transfer controls - European perspective*
Cyril Bumbalek, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

16:45–17:00  Coffee break

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

Chair:  Mark Bromley, SIPRI

Presentations:

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

18:30–20:00  Reception for all participants (Part I and Part II) hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon
DAY 3

Thursday, 29 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
  Pamela Maponga, UN ODA

- National and European Union approaches to transparency
  Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf, German Federal Foreign Office

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

14:30–16:00 SESSION IV: Parallel working group sessions on practical aspects of export controls (continued)

16:00–17:00 SESSION VI: Discussing the results of the working group sessions

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service

Presentations by rapporteurs

17:00–17:30 Closing Session

Chair: Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, UNIDIR

Summary of the seminar outcomes and recommendations

Closing remarks:
- Fabio Della Piazza, European External Action Service
- H.E Mr. Mansour Abdallah, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Lebanon