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27-29 April 2011
Montevideo, Uruguay

DRAFT 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:

Representative of the European Union

Representative of 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:

Representative of the European Union

Representative of 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
Lucía 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.

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 Pelaez, 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