

## Arms Trade

**About the Arms Trade:** In all parts of the world, the ready availability of weapons and ammunition has led to human suffering, political repression, crime and terror among civilian populations. Irresponsible transfers of conventional weapons can destabilize security in a region, enable the violation of Security Council arms embargoes and contribute to human rights abuses. Importantly, investment is discouraged and development disrupted in countries experiencing conflict and high levels of violence, which also affect their ability to attain the Millennium Development Goals.

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ArmsTrade/>

### UN Treaties

- Arms Trade Treaty: <http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/>  
*entered into force on 24 December 2014*

### UN Conferences & Events

- Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, 8-28 March 2013
  - Documents: <http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/documents/>
  - Statements : <http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/statements/>
- High-level event: The Arms Trade Treaty: Towards Entry Into Force, 25 September 2013  
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/ATT/Event/>

### UN Entities

- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) - Arms Trade:  
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ArmsTrade/>
- The Global Reported Arms Trade – The UN Register of Conventional Arms  
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Register/>  
<http://www.un-register.org/>
- United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
  - Supporting the Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations through Regional Discussions and Expertise Sharing (*This research project was carried out July 2010 - August 2012*):  
<http://is.gd/qpNV6x>
  - Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty (*This research project was carried out February 2009 - August 2010*): <http://is.gd/Cmgymf>
  - Analysis of States' Views on an Arms Trade Treaty (*This research project was carried out June 2007 - January 2008*): <http://is.gd/lisktk>

### Further Information

- Global issues on the UN Agenda – Disarmament  
<http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/disarmament/index.shtml>
- Fact Sheet on the Arms Trade Treaty (June 2013)  
[http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/factsheet/cab/ATT\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/factsheet/cab/ATT_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

## Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials

- Secretary-General says Arms Trade Treaty's entry into force is testimony of international commitment to stop irresponsible arms transfers (SG/SM/16436-DC/3537-L/T/4440, 23 December 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sgsm16436.doc.htm>
- Arms Trade Treaty enters force, Secretary-General announces, urging rapid weapons regulation through implementation, universalization (SG/SM/16201-DC/3520-L/T/4435, 25 September 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sgsm16201.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, marking anniversary of Landmark Arms Trade Treaty, calls upon all states to join without delay (SG/SM/15741-DC/3484, 2 April 2014): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2014/sgsm15741.doc.htm>
- Peace, security, human dignity can be well served by universal adoption of Arms Trade Treaty, Deputy Secretary-General tells anniversary event (DSG/SM/763-DC/3485-OBV/1324, 2 April 2014): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2014/dsgsm763.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in Security Council, calls for universal ratification of Arms Trade Treaty, more support for weapons management (SG/SM/15341-SC/11132, 26 September 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm15341.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General, hailing historic adoption of Arms Trade Treaty during High-level Event, urges its early ratification, entry into force (DSG/SM/704-DC/3453, 25 September 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/dsgsm704.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General applauds signing of Arms Trade Treaty by United States, as biggest exporter, other several member states (SG/SM/15325-DC/3452, 25 September 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm15325.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in Message to Caribbean Community Summit, hails region's advocacy for Small Island States, role in talks on Arms Trade Treaty (SG/SM/15154, 5 July 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm15154.doc.htm>
- As Arms Trade Treaty opens for signature, Secretary-General says it will deter destabilizing arms flows, particularly in conflict-prone regions (SG/SM/15075-DC/3435-L/T/4429, 3 June 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm15075.doc.htm>
- Arms Trade Treaty will generate 'much-needed momentum' for other global disarmament, non-proliferation efforts, Secretary-General says (SG/SM/14919-DC/3426, 2 April 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm14919.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, 'deeply disappointed' over failure to agree arms trade treaty, hopes continuing efforts will bring it into existence (SG/SM/14914-DC/3424, 28 March 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm14914.doc.htm>
- Victims of armed conflict, violence owed landmark accord, Secretary-General tells Final United Nations Conference on Arms Trade Treaty (SG/SM/14877-DC/3421, 18 March 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm14877.doc.htm>
- Ahead of UN Conference, Secretary-General says robust arms treaty 'only path' to more accountability, transparency in global conventional weapons trade (SG/SM/14870-DC/3418, 14 March 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sgsm14870.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General disappointed at inability of Conference on Arms Trade Treaty to agree on text, but says 'considerable common ground' on which to build (SG/SM/14436-DC/3373, 30 July 2012): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/sgsm14436.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General concerned by limited progress in Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations; calls on delegations to show flexibility, work in good faith to bridge differences (SG/SM/14433-DC/3372, 26 July 2012): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/sgsm14433.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in remarks to Conference on Arms Trade Treaty, calls absence of global instrument dealing with conventional weapons 'a disgrace' (SG/SM/14394-DC/3363, 3 July 2012): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/sgsm14394.doc.htm>

## Selected UN documents and publications

- A/CONF.217/2013/2 (2 April 2013): Report of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty: <http://undocs.org/A/CONF.217/2013/2>
- Further UN documents on "Arms Trade" – *click [here](#)*
- Monitoring and verification of the arms trade and arms embargoes / by Michael Brzoska (In: disarmament forum, 2010, no. 3):  
<http://www.unidir.org/files/publications/pdfs/arms-control-verification-en-320.pdf>

## Research & Documentation

- United Nations Documentation - Research Guide on Disarmament  
<http://research.un.org/en/docs/disarmament>
- UNOG Library Resource Guide - Disarmament  
<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/disarmament/global>
- Disarmament Yearbooks Online 2002 - 2012  
<http://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/yearbook/>
- UNRIC Library Backgrounder – Disarmament  
[http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/disarmament\\_eng.pdf](http://www.unric.org/html/english/library/backgrounders/disarmament_eng.pdf)