



Supporting the ATT negotiations

Seminar I – Final Agenda

Divonne-les-Bains, Geneva Region, 28 February – 1 March 2013

The seminar discussions will be held in both plenary format and in simultaneous breakout sessions.

For the plenary sessions, speakers will provide concrete and specific text proposals for moving towards consensus on particular elements of the draft arms trade treaty (A/CONF.217/CRP.1).

During breakout sessions, participants will be divided into 2 working groups and discuss the same set of issues under the guidance of a pre-appointed chair and rapporteur. To support a focused and in-depth exchange of views in the groups, relevant sections of the draft treaty text will be displayed on a large screen. The content of the discussions of each of the groups will afterwards be reported back to the plenary for a further exchange of views.

The entire seminar, both plenary and breakout sessions, will be conducted under the Chatham House rule.

Day 1

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome and opening remarks

10:00 - 10:45 Session 1: Taking stock of the process and views of the upcoming negotiations

- Remarks
- General discussion

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Session 2: Scope: ensuring consistency of provisions in the draft Treaty text related to controlled activities and items

Issues to be addressed in this plenary session will include:

- Including ammunition in the ATT
- Including parts and components in the ATT
- Relations between scope of items covered by an ATT and obligations on the scope reporting (relationship between article 2 and 10).



13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30 Session 3: Prohibited transfers and national assessment: interrelation of the draft Treaty text provisions with existing international law and practices

Issues to be addressed in the 2-3 break-out groups will include:

- The consistency of article 3 with existing international law
- Which consequences of a transfer shall be part of the risk assessment in article 4(2) and what should be included in article 4(6)?
- Ensuring that the obligations contained in articles 3 and 4 are consistent with obligations contained in articles 5 and 6 – e.g. the relationship between articles 3 and 4 and article 5(2)

16.30 – 16.45: Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00 Session 4: Specific controls on different types of transfers: legal and practical implications of the provisions of the draft Treaty text

Issues to be addressed in this plenary session could include:

- Definition of practical measures to ensure implementation of the Treaty
- Ensuring clarity on the obligations of states parties with regards to the establishment of an export control system for all items covered by the scope of the treaty;
- Ensuring clarity with regards to obligations for import, transit / transshipment and brokering controls

Day 2

9:30 - 10:30 Session 5: Remaining implementation issues and enforcement: agreeing a viable ATT

Issues to be addressed in the 2-3 breakout groups will include:

- Improve the consistency and clarity with regards to obligations on reporting and record-keeping for 'international transfers'
- Consolidating the obligations with regards to national enforcement



10:30 - 11:15 Session 6: International cooperation and follow-up mechanism

Issues to be addressed in this plenary session will include:

- International cooperation and international assistance
- Follow-up mechanism

11.15 – 11.30: Coffee break

11:30 - 12:45 Session 7: Final provisions and consistency with established international treaty law

Issues to be addressed in this plenary session will include:

- The inclusion of a RIO clause in the treaty
- Ensuring that procedures for withdrawal and reservations are in line with existing practices
- Entry into force and dispute settlement provisions
- Amendments

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Session 8: preamble, principles and goals and objectives

Issues to be addressed in the 2 break-out groups will include:

- Consistency between the sections of the treaty on preamble, principles and goals and objectives;
- Consistency on these sections with other international treaties, the UN charter, and the Vienna Convention

15.30 – 15.45: Coffee break

15:45 – 17:30 Session 9: Conclusions and concluding remarks

Highlighting areas where good ground for progress towards consensus at the March conference exists and areas that require further work.