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## Reinforcing Disarmament: Combating Illicit Trade in Weapons and Materials

### Actors – Synergies – Challenges

#### PROGRAMME

1-2 February 2010

Palais des Nations, Geneva

Who matters in the combat against illicit trade of conventional and nuclear arms? Who are the actors? What mechanisms exist? Where can synergies be better utilized? What are the principal challenges these actors face to combat arms trafficking?

Existing efforts in disarmament do not seem to be effective: despite numerous inter-governmental and civil society initiatives, illicit trade in arms is on the rise. Many organisations work in parallel, without tangible results, and with seemingly little effect. Transnational criminal networks, however, show considerable sophistication in the traffic of arms and don't seem to encounter too many serious obstacles to their trade.

The challenges of actors in disarmament are thus manifold. The initiators of the workshop have the ambition to not only come up with a matrix demonstrating actors, mechanisms and synergies, but also lay out an overview of new challenges, such as new combat strategies, new tools, and new actors.

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) will hold a one and half day workshop to provide an opportunity to key actors involved in the disarmament process to meet and discuss these pressing issues. Participants will represent Intergovernmental Organisations, Regional Organisations, national institutions as well as international civil society from developed as well as developing countries as well as regions in transition.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

**8:30 - 9:00**      *Registration*

**9:00 - 9:30**      **Welcome – Room IV (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

Ms Theresa HITCHENS, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Amb. Fred TANNER, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Mr Winfried VEIT, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

**9:30 – 10:45 SESSION I: The State of Disarmament and its Actors – Room IV**

Chair: Amb. Fred TANNER

Speakers: Col Babacar DIOUF, Colonel of the Armed Forces of Senegal, ECOWAS “Actors”  
Mr Andrew PROSSER, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) “Trafficking”  
Mr Glenn MCDONALD, Small Arms Survey “Small Arms”  
Amb. Peter JENKINS, Associate Fellow, GCSP; and former UK Ambassador, International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA “Nuclear”

A secure and peaceful environment cannot be assured as long as illicit arms trade is on the rise. Both volume and the level of sophistication of arms trafficking have been increasing. This despite a plethora of international mechanisms and initiatives for disarmament.

This session is to make an *Etat des lieux* of these initiatives, their impact, and the actors in illicit trade as well as the combat of illicit trade.

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

**11:00 – 12:00 Discussion on Session I – Room IV**

Chair: Amb. Fred TANNER

**12:00 – 12:30 Working Groups: Preparation**

Chair: Ms Christiane AGBOTON-JOHNSON, Deputy Director, UNIDIR

Introduction of the context and expected outcome of the working groups. Short presentation on existing mechanisms, processes and challenges in order to better utilise or create potential synergies.

Organisation of working groups.

12:30 – 14:15 *Lunch*

**14:15 – 16:00 SESSION II: Working Groups – Room IV and UNIDIR boardroom (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

Chairs: Col Babacar DIOUF

Mr Christophe CARLE, Visiting Scholar in Disarmament, GCSP

Working Group I: Mechanisms and potential synergies reinforcing disarmament combating illicit trade in conventional arms

Working Group II: Mechanisms and potential synergies reinforcing disarmament by combating illicit trade in nuclear arms and materials.

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

**16:30 – 17:30 Plenary Session: Conclusions of the Working Groups – Room IV**

The Chairs of the working groups will present findings, conclusions, recommendations

**9:00 – 9:15 Summary of the previous days conclusions – Room IV**

Chair: Ms Theresa HITCHENS

**9:15 – 11:00 Session III: The Challenges and Opportunities Offered by New Technologies – Room IV**

Chair: Ms Theresa HITCHENS “Outer space”

Speakers: Mr Sergey BATSANOV, Director, Pugwash “WMD”  
Ms Togzhan KASSENOVA, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia “regulating trade in dual-use materials/detection of illicit transfers of dual-use materials”  
Mr Götz NEUNECK, Deputy Research Director, Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik, University of Hamburg “Illicit Trade and the new role of export control”

The first two sessions of this workshop identified actors, mechanisms, and potential synergies in the combat against illicit trade of conventional arms as well as nuclear arms and materials.

This session will identify new challenges that are not yet on the agenda of most disarmament actors, and that the organisers identify as central to a useful discussion of the way ahead: What is the future role and impact of new technology on disarmament and in combating illicit trade? Will new technologies facilitate managing proliferation risks?

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

**11:15 – 12:30 Session IV: How to respond to these new challenges? – Room IV**

Chair: Mr Christophe CARLE

In this closing plenary of the workshop, the chair will guide the participants in drawing together the different threads of the workshop. The objective is to have a clear picture of the existing matrix of actors, mechanisms and possible synergies, as well as to develop a realistic scenario of the new challenges this matrix of actors and mechanisms will be facing in the future. The challenge will be to conclude with recommendations how the existing mechanisms and actors might best respond to the new challenges.

**12:30 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks**

Ms Theresa HITCHENS  
Amb. Fred TANNER  
Mr Winfried VEIT

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch at the Palais des Nations cafeteria*