

Regional Asia Pacific Parliamentary Workshop to Promote Signature and Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty to take place in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 15-16 July 2014

Supported by the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), Nonviolence International South East Asia (NISEA) and Control Arms will bring Parliamentarians as well as other important stakeholders from the Asia and Pacific region to Siem Reap, Cambodia from 15-16 July 2014 for the “Asia Pacific Workshop to Promote Signature and Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty”.

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted on 2 April 2013 to address the devastating consequences of the inadequate regulation of the international arms trade around the world. To date, it has been signed by 118 countries and ratified by 41 countries. In order for the ATT to enter into force, it must be ratified by 50 countries.

Members of Parliament and representatives of key institutions working on legislation to enable signature and ratification of the ATT from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand and Tonga will participate. Also in attendance will be representatives of the United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament Office for Asia and the Pacific and members of the diplomatic community in the region.

Following conclusion of the Workshop, a Plan of Action will be adopted, together with individual country 'roadmaps' to enable participants from countries that have not signed or ratified the ATT to take swift, effective measures to do so in their respective countries as well as learning best practices from those participants from countries where signature and ratification has already taken place.

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