



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Arms Trade Treaty Global Conference - Control Arms #Missing photo opportunity, press conference and report launch

From 20-24 August 2018 top diplomats from over 100 governments will be attending the fourth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty at Hotel Chinzanso in Tokyo. The Treaty is the first to regulate the \$100bn global arms trade, requiring governments to assess the risk of violations of international human rights and humanitarian law before they authorise an arms deal. This year, Japan is the President and host of the Treaty talks.

The international Control Arms Coalition will attend the Conference, with a civil society delegation from all world regions. They will call for governments to live up to the Treaty's core aim to reduce human suffering, and stop selling arms that fuel atrocities.

Control Arms is holding a photo opportunity and press conference on the first morning of the global arms talks. The global campaign movement will also be presenting its ATT Monitor Annual Report 2018, which assesses governments' compliance with the Treaty.

Control Arms demands an immediate end to arms transfers that violate the Arms Trade Treaty, including weapons and ammunition continuing to be supplied to warring parties in the conflict in Yemen, where tens of thousands of civilians have been killed and injured. Last week, dozens of schoolboys were killed when a bus was deliberately targeted in a bombing attack by Saudi Arabia.

#Missing - Photo opportunity

Where: Entrance of Edogawa Park, Tokyo - 08.15- 08.45am 20 August 2018
Exit Edogawabashi Station at 1A and walk straight forward, campaigners will be under the flyover.

Control Arms campaigners will be holding up giant 'Missing' posters as diplomats arrive for the international arms trade conference. The Missing posters depict weapons that have been stolen and diverted into the illegal trade, fueling poverty, conflict and human rights abuses. The posters will be circulated on social media using the hashtags #Missing and #StopDiversion.

Campaigners are demanding that governments stop weapons from ending up in the hands of those that use them to abuse and repress people all across the globe.

Press conference

Room Komorebi, 5th Floor, Banquet Building, Hotel Chinzanso
09.00-09.30am, 20 August 2018

Speakers:

Anna Macdonald, Control Arms
Ali Jameel, Mwatana Organisation for Human Rights, Yemen
Shobha Pradhan Shrestha, Women for Peace and Security, Nepal

Speakers will outline expectations for the conference, and demands from civil society to governments.

Copies of Control Arms' ATT Monitor Annual Report 2018 will be available at the press conference.

For more information, a copy of the press release or ATT Monitor report, and to arrange interviews please contact: Aaron Laine, media@controlarms.org, 080-4886-8689.

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Notes for editors

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted at the UN in 2013, and entered into force in December 2014. It currently has 97 States Parties and a further 38 are signatories. Japan ratified the Treaty in 2014.

Control Arms is a global civil society movement campaigning to stop arms deals that fuel poverty, conflict and human rights abuses. Control Arms represents hundreds of non governmental organisations working in all world regions.

Armed violence survivors from different world regions will be attending the conference with Control Arms and are available for interview in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Control Arms' press conference will be preceded by briefing from the President of the Conference of States Parties 2018, Ambassador Nobushige Takamizawa, held in Japanese.

Accreditation to the conference is not required to enter the press conference.

English - Japanese consecutive interpretation will be provided.