



MEDIA ADVISORY

THE WORLD IS FLOODED WITH WEAPONS – TIME TO STOP THE ILLICIT TRADE

100th STATE TO RATIFY ARMS TRADE TREATY – Fri. 14 Dec.

WHAT: Photo / interview opportunity Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) 100th State Party, Mozambique, to ratify.

WHEN: Friday 14 December from 09:00am – 09:50am

WHERE: UN Legal Affairs, Treaty Signing Room. UN HQ2 323 E. 44th St. NY

WHO: ATT 100th State Party opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Andrejs Pildegovics, Latvia, ATT President

Following the official ratification ceremony, statements on this landmark achievement will be given by:

- Ambassador António Gumende, Permanent Representative of Mozambique
- Mr. Daniel Prins, on behalf of UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- Ms. Veronique Christory, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Ms. Raluca Muresan, Control Arms
- Permanent Representatives of previous ATT Presidencies: Finland, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria

Representatives of the Control Arms Coalition will also be available for interview.

WHY: It is estimated that one person is killed every minute by armed violence, terrorist attacks and conflict. Yemen is flooded with weapons as civilians are trapped in the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with a child dying every 10 minutes. Yet 30% of global trade in weapons continue to be exported to the Middle East. The poor regulation and wide availability of conventional arms causes devastating and irreparable harm to civilians. Few countries, if any, are left untouched by international arms flows.

100th State Party Mozambique joins the ATT on 14 December 2018, less than four years since its entry into force. Though not an arms producer, like so many countries around the world, Mozambique suffers from the illicit trade and diversion of arms and ammunition, which fuel poverty and conflict.

The aim is simple: to bring the arms trade under control, with international human rights and humanitarian law at the centre. Governments must also establish a control list of the categories of weapons they will regulate, submit an annual report on their authorised transfers, keep track of stockpiles and appoint a national point of contact.

Men and boys represent the highest numbers of direct fatalities, but women and girls experience disproportionate effects of sexual violence, displacement, lethal domestic violence, rape and intimidation. The ATT is the first treaty in the world with "gender-based violence" provisions, and Latvia has made the reduction of GBV its thematic priority as ATT President for the next year.

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