

Taking stock of the Third Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons in the framework of the Arms Trade Treaty

*Side-event in the framework of the 4th Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty
20-24 August 2018, Tokyo*

Description

The 4th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) will take place in Tokyo in August 2018, two months after the Third Review Conference (RevCon3) of the United Nations Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons (PoA).

Both instruments pursue similar objectives related to improving peace, security and stability through the fight against the illicit trade in conventional weapons, in particular small arms and light weapons (SALW). The ATT covers a broader scope in terms of material, but focuses on transfers, while the PoA is limited to SALW, but deals with their illicit trade in all its aspects.

At RevCon3, intense discussions led to the unanimous adoption of a final document including ambitious language on transfer controls and the fight against diversion, linkages between disarmament and sustainable development, gender dimensions, and international cooperation and assistance.

Many of these topics, as well as various challenges and opportunities encountered during the negotiations, are also relevant in the context of the Arms Trade Treaty and can be of great value for the debates at CSP4 as well as future work by States parties to the ATT.

In addition, these elements can be built on when exploring synergies and complementarities between relevant instruments related to conventional weapons, including the PoA and the ATT, while recognizing that the memberships of the two instruments are not identical. This topic was the subject of specific work and discussions at RevCon3.

During this side-event, panelists will be able to reflect back on the negotiations and conclusions of RevCon3 of the PoA, in order to put them in perspective and build on them to move forward in the context of the Arms Trade Treaty and its 4th Conference of States Parties.

List of speakers

Ms **Tina MATHEWSON**, member of the Australian delegation and facilitator on diversion in the framework of the ATT, will talk to us about the fight against the diversion of SALW.

A representative of a regional organisation (TBC) will expose the relevance of the regional level in fighting the illicit trade in conventional weapons, in particular SALW, by implementing both the commitments taken under the PoA and the dispositions of the ATT.

Mr **Himayu Shiotani**, Conventional Arms Programme Lead at UNIDIR, will look into synergies in terms of transparency and reporting, taking into account in particular the results of the Third Review Conference of the PoA.

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Room: MAI

Catering: TBC

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