

Nonviolence International Southeast Asia
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Nonviolence International Southeast Asia comes from a region where arms flows directly impact communities. We also come from a region with robust regimes, new mechanisms for implementation, and leadership for subregional processes that works.

We are honored to extend our unwavering support for the Philippines efforts, as the Implementing Partner of the Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund Project on sub-regional cooperation on treaty universalization and humanitarian disarmament, initiated by the Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crime.

The meeting represented a milestone in fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration between The Philippines' closest neighbors — nations that shared a common vision for a safer and more secure region. At its core, this initiative reflects the impact of regional solidarity in addressing the challenges of arms regulation, combating illicit trade, and building lasting peace.

The project demonstrated that to implement the Treaty, we need to strengthen the platform for exchanges and continuous discussion to ensure harmony and synergy to other subregional parallel processes, which in our region's case, is the ASEAN Declaration on Combating Arms Smuggling. Complementary efforts allow for more robust implementation mechanisms and ensure that the efforts are not siloed nor silenced.

NISEA heeded the call of some States Parties for youth representation and participation. We express our appreciation to the CSP11, under the Presidency of Ambassador Carlos Foradori of Argentina for allowing meaningful engagement with NISEA's Humanitarian Disarmament Young Peoples Fellows.

We believe that sustainable progress can only be achieved when states, civil society, and communities work hand in hand to uphold transparency, accountability, and genuine inclusivity.

We remain committed to seeing the objective of this treaty become a reality not just for some states but for all states – we join the call for a stop to all arms transfers that contributes to the genocide in Gaza.

Lastly, we remain committed in assisting states in pursuit of the aspirations for a world where peace, security, and dignity are safeguarded for all.